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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, June 17, 2025, and is called to order at 4:05 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable K. Joseph Shekarchi, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 75 members present and 0 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 75: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, and Voas.

**ABSENT** – 0:

### INVOCATION

The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi presents Representative John G. Edwards, who delivers the Invocation and leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

### APPROVAL OF RECORD

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Monday, June 16, 2025, is approved.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

From the Consent Calendar are taken:

**IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025:**

1.     **2025-S 16 SUB A**  
      **BY** Gu  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY TRANSMISSIONS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

2.     **2025-S 74 SUB A**  
      **BY** Acosta  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Special Legislation recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

3.     **2025-S 191**  
      **BY** Mack  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

4.     **2025-S 198**  
      **BY** Gallo  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

5.     **2025-S 318 SUB A**  
      **BY** Tikoian  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- LONG TERM CONTRACTING STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

6.     **2025-S 324**  
      **BY** DiMario  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

7.     **2025-S 599**  
      **BY** Sosnowski  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --  
      PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

8.     **2025-S 601 SUB A**  
      **BY** Britto  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --  
      DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

9.     **2025-S 636**  
      **BY** Ujifusa  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL  
      TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

Committee on Education recommends passage in concurrence.

10.    **2025-S 644**  
      **BY** DiPalma  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS  
      WASTE MANAGEMENT

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

11.    **2025-S 721**  
      **BY** Bissaillon  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT  
      COMMISSION -- CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

12.    **2025-S 744 SUB A**  
      **BY** Thompson  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --  
      CORROSION PREVENTION AND MITIGATION WORK REQUIREMENTS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

13.    **2025-S 756**  
      **BY** Bell  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL  
      LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

- 14. 2025-S 980 SUB A**  
**BY DiMario**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS**

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 15. 2025-S 1047**  
**BY Dimitri**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INVESTMENTS BY DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES**

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 16. 2025-S 1060 SUB A**  
**BY Ciccone**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 17. 2025-S 1062**  
**BY Felag**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER STATE CONSTRUCTIONS**

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 18. 2025-S 1126**  
**BY Burke**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$71,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS**

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

Majority Leader Blazejewski moves passage of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale.

The Consent Calendar prevails in concurrence, on a roll call vote, 75 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 75: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell,

Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

#### **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025, AT 3:30 PM:**

**1. 2025-H 5076 SUB A**

**BY** Abney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Article 1; Article 2; Article 3; Article 4; Article 5; Article 6; Article 7; Article 8; Article 9; Article 10; Article 11; Article 12; Article 13; Article 14;

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the article, seconded by Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Cotter, Craven, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McNamara, Messier, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

ARTICLE 1 RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2026

ARTICLE 2 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

ARTICLE 3 RELATING TO GOVERNMENT REFORM AND REORGANIZATION

ARTICLE 4 RELATING TO DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT JOINT RESOLUTIONS

ARTICLE 5 RELATING TO TAXES AND FEES

ARTICLE 6 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ARTICLE 7 RELATING TO EDUCATION

ARTICLE 8 RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

ARTICLE 9 RELATING TO HOUSING

ARTICLE 10 RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

ARTICLE 11 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRANSPORTATION

ARTICLE 12 RELATING TO LEASES

ARTICLE 13 RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF  
FY 2025

ARTICLE 14 RELATING TO EFFECTIVE DATE

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Chairman Abney discusses the budget.

## **ARTICLE 2 RELATING TO STATE FUNDS**

Chairman Abney moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative Marszalkowski and Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman.

Chairman Abney discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Abney, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Biah, Marszalkowski, Diaz, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Majority Whip Kazarian offers a written motion to amend.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

#### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 2, page 5, line 17, by deleting the language "commission", and by inserting in place thereof the language "commissioner".

2. In Article 2, page 9, line 32, by striking the language "Organ Transplant Fund".

3. In Article 2, page 10, between lines 4 and 5, by inserting the language "Organ Transplant Fund".

4. In Article 2, page 13, between lines 3 and 4, by inserting the language "Tuition Savings Program Fund".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairman Abney discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Minority Leader Chippendale, seconded by Minority Whip Place, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT**  
**TO**  
2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 2, page 20, in between lines 13 and 14, by inserting the following language:  
"SECTION 10. Chapter 46-33 of the General Laws entitled "Freshwater Lake Management Program" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

46-33-3. Rhode Island lake management fund – Established.

(a) There is hereby established a restricted receipt account within the department of environmental management to be called the Rhode Island lake management fund.

(b) The fund shall consist of any funds which the state may from time to time appropriate, as well as money received as gifts, grants, bequests, donations or other funds from any public or private sources.

(c) All funds, monies, and fees received pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Rhode Island lake management fund and shall be utilized by the department consistent with the purposes of this chapter."

2. In Article 2, page 20, line 14, by deleting the language "SECTION 10" and inserting in place thereof the language, "SECTION 11".

3. In Article 1, page 31, line 20, after the language "Rhode Island." by in inserting the following language:

"Funds appropriated for the Litter-Free Rhody Initiative shall instead be deposited into the Rhode Island lake management fund restricted receipt account and expended pursuant to § 46-33-3."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Chippendale

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Minority Leader Chippendale, Representative Marszalkowski and Minority Whip Place discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote, 13 members voting in the affirmative and 60 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 13: Representatives Bennett, Chippendale, Fascia, Fogarty, Hopkins, Lima, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

NAYS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Furtado, Giraldo, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Lima, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Costantino and Nardone offers a written motion to amend.



**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 2, page 15, between lines 18 and 19, by inserting the following language:

"SECTION 6. Section 36-10-35 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-10 entitled "Retirement System — Contributions and Benefits" is hereby amended to read as follows:

36-10-35. Additional benefits payable to retired employees.

(a) All state employees and all beneficiaries of state employees receiving any service retirement or ordinary or accidental disability retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of this title on or before December 31, 1967, shall receive a cost of living retirement adjustment equal to one and one-half percent (1.5%) per year of the original retirement allowance, not compounded, for each calendar year the retirement allowance has been in effect. For the purposes of computation, credit shall be given for a full calendar year regardless of the effective date of the retirement allowance. This cost of living adjustment shall be added to the amount of the retirement allowance as of January 1, 1968, and an additional one and one-half percent (1.5%) shall be added to the original retirement allowance in each succeeding year during the month of January, and provided further, that this additional cost of living increase shall be three percent (3%) for the year beginning January 1, 1971, and each year thereafter, through December 31, 1980. Notwithstanding any of the above provisions, no employee receiving any service retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of this title on or before December 31, 1967, or the employee's beneficiary, shall receive any additional benefit hereunder in an amount less than two hundred dollars (\$200) per year over the service retirement allowance where the employee retired prior to January 1, 1958.

(b) All state employees and all beneficiaries of state employees retired on or after January 1, 1968, who are receiving any service retirement or ordinary or accidental disability retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of this title shall, on the first day of January next following the third anniversary date of the retirement, receive a cost of living retirement adjustment, in addition to their retirement allowance, in an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance. In each succeeding year thereafter through December 31, 1980, during the month of January, the retirement allowance shall be increased an additional three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance, not compounded, to be continued during the lifetime of the employee or beneficiary. For the purposes of computation, credit shall be given for a full calendar year regardless of the effective date of the service retirement allowance.

(c)(1) Beginning on January 1, 1981, for all state employees and beneficiaries of the state employees receiving any service retirement and all state employees, and all beneficiaries of state employees, who have completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service on or before July 1, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, and for all state employees, and all beneficiaries of state employees who receive a disability retirement allowance pursuant to §§ 36-10-12 — 36-10-15, the cost of living adjustment shall be computed and paid at the rate of three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance or the retirement allowance as computed in

accordance with § 36-10-35.1, compounded annually from the year for which the cost of living adjustment was determined to be payable by the retirement board pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) of this section. Such cost of living adjustments are available to members who retire before October 1, 2009, or are eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009.

(2) The provisions of this subsection shall be deemed to apply prospectively only and no retroactive payment shall be made.

(3) The retirement allowance of all state employees and all beneficiaries of state employees who have not completed at least ten (10) years of contributory service on or before July 1, 2005, or were not eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009, shall, on the month following the third anniversary date of retirement, and on the month following the anniversary date of each succeeding year be adjusted and computed by multiplying the retirement allowance by three percent (3%) or the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year, whichever is less; the cost of living adjustment shall be compounded annually from the year for which the cost of living adjustment was determined payable by the retirement board; provided, that no adjustment shall cause any retirement allowance to be decreased from the retirement allowance provided immediately before such adjustment.

(d) For state employees not eligible to retire in accordance with this chapter as of September 30, 2009, and not eligible upon passage of this article, and for their beneficiaries, the cost of living adjustment described in subsection (c)(3) of this section shall only apply to the first thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) of retirement allowance, indexed annually, and shall commence upon the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or when the retiree reaches age sixty-five (65), whichever is later. The thirty-five thousand dollar (\$35,000) limit shall increase annually by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year or three percent (3%), whichever is less. The first thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) of retirement allowance, as indexed, shall be multiplied by the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year or three percent (3%), whichever is less, on the month following the anniversary date of each succeeding year. For state employees eligible to retire as of September 30, 2009, or eligible upon passage of this article, and for their beneficiaries, the provisions of this subsection (d) shall not apply.

(e) All legislators and all beneficiaries of legislators who are receiving a retirement allowance pursuant to the provisions of § 36-10-9.1 for a period of three (3) or more years, shall, commencing January 1, 1982, receive a cost of living retirement adjustment, in addition to a retirement allowance, in an amount equal to three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance. In each succeeding year thereafter during the month of January, the retirement allowance shall be increased an additional three percent (3%) of the original retirement allowance, compounded annually, to be continued during the lifetime of the legislator or beneficiary. For the purposes of computation, credit shall be given for a full calendar year regardless of the effective date of the service retirement allowance.

(f) The provisions of §§ 45-13-7 — 45-13-10 shall not apply to this section.

(g) This subsection (g) shall be effective for the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2015.

(1) Notwithstanding the prior paragraphs of this section, and subject to subsection (g)(2) below, for all present and former employees, active and retired members, and beneficiaries

receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section shall be equal to (A) multiplied by (B) where (A) is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%) (the “subtrahend”) from the Five-Year Average Investment Return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%), and (B) is equal to the lesser of the member’s retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of retirement allowance, such twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under (g)(1)(A) above. The “Five-Year Average Investment Return” shall mean the average of the investment returns of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. Subject to subsection (g)(2) below, the benefit adjustment provided by this subsection (g)(1) shall commence upon the third (3rd) anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches their Social Security retirement age, whichever is later. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (g)(3), the benefit adjustments under this section for any plan year shall be suspended in their entirety unless the funded ratio of the employees’ retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust, and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system’s actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%) in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all members for such plan year.

In determining whether a funding level under this subsection (g)(2) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (g)(2), in each fifth plan year commencing after June 30, 2012, commencing with the plan year ending June 30, 2017, and subsequently at intervals of five plan years, a benefit adjustment shall be calculated and made in accordance with subsection (g)(1) above until the funded ratio of the employees’ retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust, and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system’s actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%).

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the provisions of this subsection (g) shall become effective July 1, 2012, and shall apply to any benefit adjustment not granted on or prior to June 30, 2012.

(h) This subsection (h) shall become effective July 1, 2015.

(1)(A) As soon as administratively reasonable following the enactment into law of this subsection (h)(1)(A), a one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided to members and/or beneficiaries of members who retired on or before June 30, 2012, in the amount of two percent (2%) of the lesser of either the member’s retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of the member’s retirement allowance. This one-time benefit adjustment shall be provided without regard to the retiree’s age or number of years since retirement.

(B) Notwithstanding the prior subsections of this section, for all present and former employees, active and retired members, and beneficiaries receiving any retirement, disability or death allowance or benefit of any kind, the annual benefit adjustment provided in any calendar year under this section for adjustments on and after January 1, 2016, and subject to subsection (h)(2) below, shall be equal to (I) multiplied by (II):

(I) shall equal the sum of fifty percent (50%) of (i) plus fifty percent (50%) of (ii) where:

(i) is equal to the percentage determined by subtracting five and one-half percent (5.5%)

(the “subtrahend”) from the five-year average investment return of the retirement system determined as of the last day of the plan year preceding the calendar year in which the adjustment is granted, said percentage not to exceed four percent (4%) and not to be less than zero percent (0%). The “five-year average investment return” shall mean the average of the investment returns of the most recent five (5) plan years as determined by the retirement board. In the event the retirement board adjusts the actuarially assumed rate of return for the system, either upward or downward, the subtrahend shall be adjusted either upward or downward in the same amount.

(ii) is equal to the lesser of three percent (3%) or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar year. In no event shall the sum of (i) plus (ii) exceed three and one-half percent (3.5%) or be less than zero percent (0%).

(II) is equal to the lesser of either the member’s retirement allowance or the first twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) of retirement allowance, such amount to be indexed annually in the same percentage as determined under subsection (h)(1)(B)(I) above.

The benefit adjustments provided by this subsection (h)(1)(B) shall be provided to all retirees entitled to receive a benefit adjustment as of June 30, 2012, under the law then in effect, and for all other retirees the benefit adjustments shall commence upon the third anniversary of the date of retirement or the date on which the retiree reaches their Social Security retirement age, whichever is later.

(2) Except for members and/or beneficiaries of members who retired on or before June 30, 2012, the benefit adjustments under subsection (h)(1)(B) for any plan year shall be reduced to twenty-five percent (25%) of the benefit adjustment unless the funded ratio of the employees’ retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust, and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system’s actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%) in which event the benefit adjustment will be reinstated for all members for such plan year. Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio of the employees’ retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust, and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system’s actuary on an aggregate basis, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) for the benefit adjustment to be reinstated for all members for such plan year shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

In determining whether a funding level under this subsection (h)(2) has been achieved, the actuary shall calculate the funding percentage after taking into account the reinstatement of any current or future benefit adjustment provided under this section.

(3) Effective for members and/or beneficiaries of members who retired after June 30, 2012, or on or before June 30, 2015, the dollar amount in subsection (h)(1)(B)(II) of twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$25,855) shall be replaced with thirty-one thousand and twenty-six dollars (\$31,026) until the funded ratio of the employees’ retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust, and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system’s actuary on an aggregate basis, exceeds eighty percent (80%). Effective July 1, 2024, the funded ratio of the employees’ retirement system of Rhode Island, the judicial retirement benefits trust, and the state police retirement benefits trust, calculated by the system’s actuary on an aggregate basis, of exceeding eighty percent (80%) shall be replaced with seventy-five percent (75%).

(i) Effective for members and/or beneficiaries of members who have retired on or before July 1, 2015, a one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be payable within sixty (60) days following the enactment of the legislation implementing this provision, and a second one-

time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500) in the same month of the following year. These stipends shall be payable to all retired members or beneficiaries receiving a benefit as of the applicable payment date and shall not be considered cost of living adjustments under the prior provisions of this section.

(j)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, chapter 16 of title 16 or any other law to the contrary, there is hereby authorized a one-time cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) equal to one thousand, two hundred dollars (\$1,200) for all eligible retirees and beneficiaries of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island (ERSRI), including the teachers' retirement system, to be paid during fiscal year 2025-2026.

(2) The one-time COLA shall be:

(i) Calculated as of July 1, 2025, and distributed as a lump sum supplemental payment, as determined by the retirement board; and

(ii) Paid to all retired members.

(3) This one-time COLA shall not affect the actuarial funding status of the retirement system and shall be funded through a separate, one-time appropriation authorized under this section.

(4) The general treasurer and the retirement board shall adopt any necessary procedures and rules to implement this section.

(5) The amount to be distributed pursuant to this section shall not exceed thirty-eight million, four hundred thousand dollars (\$38,400,000)."

2. In Article 2, page 15, line 19, by deleting the language "SECTION 6" and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 7".

3. In Article 2, page 17, line 20, by deleting the language "SECTION 7" and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 8".

4. In Article 2, page 18, line 31, by deleting the language "SECTION 8" and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 9".

5. In Article 2, page 19, line 29, by deleting the language "SECTION 9" and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 10".

6. In Article 2, page 20, line 14, by deleting the language "SECTION 10" and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 11".

7. In Article 1, page 10, between lines 30 and 31, by inserting the following language "General Revenues 38,400,000".

8. In Article 1, page 11, line 1, by striking the language "16,318,192" and by inserting in place thereof the language "54,718,192".

9. In Article 1, page 33, line 29, by striking the language "114,037,366" and by inserting in place thereof the language "75,637,366".

10. In Article 1, page 34, line 2 by striking the language "160,278,218" and by inserting in place thereof the language "121,878,218".

11. In Article 1, page 34, line 3, by deleting the language "882,795,591", and by inserting in place thereof the language "844,395,591".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Lima

Representatives Lima, Casimiro, Paplauskas, Serpa and Slater discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote, 17 members voting in the affirmative and 56 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 17: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Fascia, Hopkins, Hull, Lima, Lombardi, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci.

NAYS - 56: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

**Article 2, as amended**, prevails on a roll call vote, 75 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 75: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

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### **ARTICLE 3 RELATING TO GOVERNMENT REFORM AND REORGANIZATION**

Chairman Marszalkowski moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Marszalkowski, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENT**

TO

2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 3, page 5, between lines 7 and 8 by inserting the following language "(h) The commission shall have the authority to temporarily suspend hemp applications and issuance of new hemp licenses for a defined period if the commission determines that such action is necessary to:

1. Conduct a study or evaluation of market conditions, supply and demand dynamics, or regulatory impacts;

2. Ensure adequate oversight and compliance with existing licensees; and

3. Address any identified risks to public health, safety, or environmental welfare.

(i) During a suspension period, the commission may continue to process renewal applications of existing licensees."

2. In Article 3, page 32, line 19, after the language "position(s) is", by inserting the language "/are".

3. In Article 3, page 36, line 21, by striking the language "(6)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "(5)".

4. In Article 3, page 36, line 22, by striking the language "(7)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(6)".

5. In Article 3, page 55, line 2, by striking the language "RILDS" and by inserting in place thereof the language "RIIDS".

6. In Article 3, page 57, line 1, by deleting the language "RIID's" and by inserting in place thereof the language "RIIDS's".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty,

Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Nardone, seconded by Minority Whip Place, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 3, page 24, line 10, by striking the language "the office of management and budget" and inserting in place thereof the language "the office of the inspector general established pursuant to chapter 9.4 of title 42 ("inspector general")".

2. In Article 3, page 34, by inserting the following language between lines 12 and 13:  
"SECTION 17. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

CHAPTER 9.4  
INSPECTOR GENERAL

42-9.4-1. Purpose.

The office of inspector general shall be an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds, whether federal, state, or local, and relating to any and all state programs and operations as well as the procurement of any supplies, services, or construction, by agencies, bureaus, divisions, sections, departments, offices, commissions, institutions and activities of the state of Rhode Island, including those districts, authorities, or political subdivisions created by the general assembly, the governor, and any court, including any city or town within the state of Rhode Island. Investigations may include the expenditures by nongovernmental agencies of federal, state, and local public funds.

42-9.4-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Construction" means the process of building, altering, repairing, improving, or demolishing any public structure or building, or other improvements of any kind to any public property.

(2) "Contract" means all types of agreements, including grants and orders, for the



purchase or disposal of supplies, services, construction, or any other item. It includes:

(i) Awards;

(ii) Contracts of a fixed-price, cost, cost-plus-a-fixed-fee, or incentive type;

(iii) Contracts providing for the issuance of job or task orders;

(iv) Leases;

(v) Letter contracts;

(vi) Purchase orders; and

(vii) Construction management contracts. It also includes supplemental agreements with respect to any of the foregoing agreements.

(3) "Contractor" means any person, corporation, partnership, business, union, committee, or other organization entity or group of individuals performing any tasks, or duties defined under a written or oral contract with and for the state of Rhode Island or the joint committee on legislative services.

(4) "Procurement" means the purchasing, buying, renting, leasing, or otherwise obtaining any supplies, services, or construction. It also includes all functions that pertain to the obtaining of any supply, service, or construction item, including a description of requirements, selection and solicitation of sources, preparation, and award of contract, and all phases of contract administration.

(5) "Public funds" means state, federal or local funds, either appropriated, non-appropriated or given under right of grant.

(6) "Services" means the rendering by a contractor of its time and effort rather than the furnishing of a specific end product, other than reports which are merely incidental to the required performance of services.

(7) "Supplies" means all property, including, but not limited to, leases of real property, printing, and insurance, except land or permanent interest in land.

42-9.4-3. Establishment of office -- Appointment and removal of inspector general.

(a) There is hereby established an office of inspector general, (hereinafter referred to as the "office"). There shall be in the office an inspector general, who shall be the administrative head of the office and who shall be appointed by a majority vote of the governor, the attorney general, and the general treasurer for a five (5) year term to begin July 1 and end June 30, five (5) years later. The appointee shall serve no longer than two (2) terms. The person so appointed shall be selected without regard to political affiliation and with a demonstrated ability in more than one of the following areas: accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, investigation and criminal justice administration.

(b) The selection process of a qualified inspector general shall include at least one public forum. If an inspector general is not selected within one month of a new inspector general term, the governor shall appoint an inspector general. The inspector general shall have at least five (5) years' experience in accounting, criminal justice, or a closely related profession and a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in accounting, criminal justice, or a closely related field of study.

(c) No inspector general shall hold, or be a candidate for, any other elective or appointed public office while an inspector general and for one year prior. No inspector general shall hold a position in any political party or political committee, or participate in any political campaign of any candidate for public office while an inspector general.

(d) In case of a vacancy in the position of inspector general, their successor shall be appointed in the manner described in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, and shall serve from their date of appointment until the fifth June 30th following their appointment. If this vacancy is not filled within one month, then the governor shall appoint an inspector general.

(e) The person so appointed may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the governor, the attorney general, the general treasurer, the lieutenant governor, secretary of state, the speaker and the minority leader of the house of representatives and the president and minority leader of the senate. Cause may include substantial neglect of duty, gross misconduct or conviction of a crime whether or not it is work related. The reasons for removal of the inspector general shall be stated in writing and shall include the basis for such removal. The writing shall be a public document. The inspector general shall have ten (10) days to submit a written appeal, which shall be a public document. If no appeal is made, the inspector general shall be dismissed from office. If an appeal is made, a vote shall be taken in the senate and two-thirds (2/3) vote of the senate shall be required to dismiss the inspector general.

42-9.4-4. Employees -- Appointment and removal, salaries, qualifications.

(a) The inspector general may appoint and remove such employees as deemed necessary to perform the duties of the office, including, but not limited to, assistant inspectors general, chief and deputy counsels, clerks, paralegals, accountants, auditors, financial management analysts and investigators. The inspector general may determine their salaries and duties; provided, however, that the total amount of all such salaries shall not exceed the sum appropriated therefor by the general assembly.

(b) The inspector general shall file an annual personnel report not later than the first Wednesday in February with the senate and house finance committees containing the job classifications, duties and salary of each officer and employee within the office together with personnel regulations applicable to said officers and employees. The inspector general shall file amendments to such report with the senate and house finance committees whenever any change becomes effective.

(c) No officer or employee of the office of inspector general shall hold, or be a candidate for, any elective public office while an officer or employee, or for one year thereafter, nor shall they hold a position in any political party or political committee, or participate in any political campaign of any candidate for public office while an officer or employee.

42-9.4-5. Inspector general -- Salary and budget.

The general assembly shall annually set the salary of the inspector general and shall appropriate sufficient funds for the total budget for the office.

42-9.4-6. Rules and regulations.

The office shall, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 35 of title 42, ("administrative procedures act"), promulgate rules and regulations which shall govern its proceedings.

42-9.4-7. Duties.

(a) The inspector general shall supervise, coordinate and/or conduct audits, criminal, civil and administrative investigations and inspections or oversight reviews, when necessary, relating to programs and operations listed in § 42-9.4-1. The inspector general shall review laws and regulations relating to programs and operations listed in § 42-9.4-1 and shall determine if public bodies listed in § 42-9.4-1 are in compliance, and shall make recommendations concerning the effect of such laws or regulations on the prevention and detection of fraud, waste and abuse. The inspector general may recommend policies that will assist in the prevention or detection of fraud, waste and abuse and mismanagement. The person in charge of, or the governing body of any public body listed in § 42-9.4-1, may request the assistance of the inspector general with respect to implementation of any reviews, audits, and/or investigations as deemed appropriate, and implement suggested policy or procedure changes. In such events the inspector general may assign personnel to conduct, supervise, or coordinate such activity as deemed necessary and appropriate to perform their duties in a diligent and prudent manner. The inspector general may recommend policies for the conduct, supervision or coordination of relationships, between state

and municipal agencies and other state and local governmental agencies, as well as federal governmental agencies and nongovernmental entities with respect to all matters relating to the prevention and detection of fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in or relating to any and all programs and activities of the state of Rhode Island as set forth in § 42-9.4-1.

(b) The inspector general shall establish and maintain an information system to receive communications from the general public relating to the duties of the office to guarantee the anonymity of the individual supplying the information consisting of the transmission by email, regular mail or other electronic system that does not involve the use of a telephone line.

42-9.4-8. Inspection of records and papers – Investigations – Subpoenas.

(a) The inspector general, in carrying out the duties outlined in this chapter, shall have access to all records, reports, audits, reviews, papers, books, documents, recommendations, correspondence, including information relative to the purchase of services or anticipated purchase of services from any contractor by any public body set forth in § 42-9.4-1, and any other data and material that is maintained by or available to any public body, regardless of the media in which it is maintained which is, in any way, related to the programs and operations with respect to the state of Rhode Island, including any local town, municipality or city.

(b) The inspector general may request information, cooperation and assistance from any state or local governmental agency as may be necessary for carrying out their duties and responsibilities. Upon receipt of such request, each person in charge of, or the governing body of any public body set forth in § 42-9.4-1, shall furnish to the inspector general or their authorized agent or representative such information, cooperation, and assistance, including information relative to the purchase of services or anticipated purchase of services from any contractor by any public body within ten (10) business days of receipt of the inspector general's request. If the request for the information requested cannot be complied with, within ten (10) business days, the senior official of the governmental agency shall notify the inspector general before the expiration of the ten (10) business days as to the reason that the request cannot be complied within the time frame of this section, and shall provide a specific date for expected compliance.

(c) The inspector general may initiate and conduct investigations, audits, and compliance reviews, and shall prepare detailed reports relating to findings and conclusions concerning the administration of the programs and operations of the applicable public bodies listed in § 42-9.4-1, as are in the judgment of the inspector general necessary and may conduct an examination of any public documents, and any information with respect to whether internal quality controls are in place and operating.

(d) The inspector general shall have direct and prompt access to the head of any public body set forth in § 42-9.4-1 when necessary for any purpose pertaining to the performance of their duties and responsibilities under this chapter.

(e) The inspector general may request the production, on a voluntary basis, of testimony or documents from any individual, firm or nongovernmental entity which relate to actions or matters that pertain to state or municipal governmental agencies as dictated by their duties and responsibilities.

(f) (1) The inspector general may issue a subpoena for the production of all records, reports, audits, reviews, papers, books, documents, recommendations, correspondence and any other data and material relevant to any matter under audit or investigation pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, no matter in which media the information is maintained.

(2) A subpoena may be issued only when a person, corporation or other entity under investigation or being audited refuses to voluntarily comply with a request from the inspector general.

(3) The subpoena shall be served in the same manner as a subpoena for the production of

documents in civil cases issued on behalf of the state of Rhode Island, and all provisions of law relative to the subpoena shall apply to a subpoena issued pursuant to this chapter. Any justice of the superior court may, upon application by the inspector general, issue an order to compel the production of records, reports, audits, reviews, papers, books, documents, recommendations, correspondence, and any other data and material as aforesaid in the same manner and to the same extent as before said superior court. Any failure to obey the order may be punished by the superior court as a contempt of court.

(4) Any subpoena issued pursuant to this section shall not be made public by the inspector general or any officer or employee of that office, nor shall any documents or records provided pursuant to this section be made public until such time as it is necessary for the inspector general to do so in the performance of their official duties. The production of documents or records pursuant to subpoena shall be governed by the same provisions with reference to secrecy, which govern the proceedings of a grand jury. Disclosure of such production, attendance, and testimony may be made to such members of the staff of the office of the inspector general as is deemed necessary in the performance of the inspector general's duties and responsibilities under this chapter, and such members of the staff may be present at the production of records.

42-9.4-9. Subpoena for witness testimony and for release of material evidence.

(a) Whenever the inspector general has reason to believe that a person has information or evidence in their possession with respect to any matter which is within the inspector general's jurisdiction to investigate, a subpoena must issue for the attendance and testimony under oath of any person as designated, or the surrender of identified items of evidence; provided, however, that the subpoena may be issued by the inspector general only in the performance of official duties relating to the detection of fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement. The subpoena for testimony or specific items identified as needed in support of an investigation shall include: the name and address of the prospective witness or specific items identified as needed for the investigation and the reasons for requesting a subpoena for testimony or production of items deemed necessary to support the investigation.

(b) The inspector general or any other person duly authorized by law shall serve a subpoena. Once the subpoena is served, the serving officer shall annotate the time and date served, the person served and the location of service.

(c) A witness required by subpoena to attend and testify under oath and/or produce books and records or other items as demanded, shall be given not less than forty-eight (48) hours' notice of the time and place for the taking of testimony or delivery of subpoenaed items, unless such notice shall unduly interfere with the conduct of the investigation.

(d) The witness, at the time of service of a subpoena, shall be notified of the matter under investigation concerning which the witness will be required to testify. A subject of an investigation is a person whose conduct is within the scope of the investigation and is suspected of committing or being party to an offense under investigation. The failure to furnish the witness with any notice or information required to be given by this section shall cause the issued subpoena to be invalid.

(e) A person subpoenaed to testify under oath shall appear and testify under oath at the time and place designated on the subpoena. In addition, the witness shall be notified that they have a right to consult with and to have an attorney present at the time the testimony is taken, and that they have a constitutional right not to furnish or produce evidence that may tend to incriminate the person.

(f) The terms of any such subpoena shall be reasonable and focused on specific testimony or evidence sought and shall directly relate to the matters under investigation. A subpoena issued

that is broad in nature is not considered valid. No subpoena shall be issued for purposes of harassment or for any illegitimate or improper purpose. All constitutional and statutory rights and privileges which exist with respect to any subpoena issued by the inspector general, including the privilege against self-incrimination, shall have the same force and effect with any and all existing laws and constitutional rights.

(g) A subpoenaed person may object to the subpoena served upon them in advance of the return date of the subpoena by a motion to quash filed in the superior court of the state of Rhode Island. The filing of a motion to quash shall stay all pending subpoenas until further order of the superior court. Any justice of the superior court may, upon application by the inspector general, issue an order to compel the attendance of witnesses subpoenaed, and the giving of testimony under oath in furtherance of any audit or investigation under this chapter in the same manner and to the same extent as before the superior court. Failure to obey any order of the court with respect to a subpoena may be punished by the court as contempt.

(h) Any subpoena issued pursuant to this section shall not be made public by the inspector general or any persons subject to their direction or by any member of the inspector general's office designated to hear testimony under this section, and the same provisions with reference to secrecy, which govern grand jury proceedings, shall govern testimony given. Whoever violates the provisions of this subsection shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both. Disclosure of such testimony may be made to such members of the staff of the office of inspector general as is deemed necessary by the inspector general to assist in the performance of the office's duties and responsibilities and such members of the staff may be present at the taking of such testimony.

#### 42-9.4-10. Compact – Investigation.

(a) The inspector general shall accept and may investigate or audit complaints or information from any individual concerning the possible existence of any activity constituting fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement relating to programs and operations as set forth in § 42-9.4-1.

(b) The inspector general shall not, after receipt of a complaint or information from an employee, contractor or private citizen who requests confidentiality, disclose the identity of that individual without the written consent of said individual, unless the inspector general determines such disclosure is necessary and unavoidable during the course of an investigation. In such event, the individual shall be notified immediately of the disclosure. The inspector general shall set up an anonymous hotline for reporting possible wrongdoings.

(c) Employees are protected under chapter 50 of title 28, the ("Rhode Island Whistleblower's Protection Act").

#### 42-9.4-11. Reports to the attorney general or United States Attorney.

(a) In carrying out their duties and responsibilities, the inspector general shall report to the attorney general, the United States Attorney or both whenever the inspector general has reasonable grounds to believe there has been a violation of federal or state criminal law. The attorney general shall institute appropriate proceedings in the furtherance of completing an investigation and, if warranted, refer a matter for prosecution.

(b) The inspector general shall refer audit or investigative findings to the state ethics commission, or to any other federal, state or local agency, which has an interest in said findings.

(c) Any referrals made under this section shall not be made public.

#### 42-9.4-12. Coordination with other state agencies.

The inspector general may coordinate with other state agencies that are responsible for investigating, auditing, reviewing or evaluating the management of state agencies for the purpose

of sharing information and avoiding duplication of effort.

42-9.4-13. Civil actions.

(a) The inspector general shall have the authority to institute a civil recovery action if authorized by the attorney general. In any case where the inspector general has discovered fraudulent acts and believes that civil recovery proceedings may be appropriate, the matter shall be referred to the attorney general. The attorney general may institute whatever proceedings deemed appropriate, may refer the matter to another state or local agency, may authorize the initiation of appropriate civil proceedings by the inspector general, may retain the matter for further investigation, or may remand the matter to the inspector general for further investigation.

42-9.4-14. Annual and interim reports.

(a) The office of inspector general shall, no later than April 1 of each year, prepare a report summarizing the activities of the office for the prior calendar year. The office may also prepare interim reports. These reports shall be forwarded to the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, general treasurer and the general assembly, and shall be made available to the public.

(b) The report shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A description of significant problems in the areas of fraud, waste and abuse within programs and operations within the jurisdiction of the office;

(2) A description of the recommendations for corrective action made by the office during the reporting period with respect to significant deficiencies in the areas of fraud, waste and abuse;

(3) The identification of each significant recommendation described in previous annual reports on which corrective action has not been completed;

(4) A summary of matters referred to prosecuting authorities and the prosecutions and convictions which have resulted;

(5) A summary of any matters concerning the recovery of monies as a result of a civil suit by the office or a referral to another agency for the purposes of such suit; and

(6) A list of all audit reports completed by the office during the reporting period and a statement of recommendations of amendments to this chapter or the rules, regulations or procedures governing the office of inspector general which would improve the effectiveness or the operation of the office.

(c) The head or governing body of each public body may, within sixty (60) days of receipt, comment upon any references to the public body contained within the report. The comment, if any, shall be forwarded to the governor, the attorney general, the general assembly and the office of inspector general.

(d) The report of the inspector general shall be made public on the day of filing; provided, that the report shall not list the names of individuals or corporations, nor describe them with sufficient particularity as to readily identify them to the general public in those cases in which no official disposition has been made by the office of inspector general, the department of the attorney general or the local office of the United States Attorney.

SECTION 18. Sections 22-13-1, 22-13-2, 22-13-3, 22-13-4, 22-13-9 and 22-13-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 22-13 entitled "Auditor General" are hereby amended to read as follows:

22-13-1. Appointment — Qualifications — Oath — Bond — Office space — Rules and regulations.

(a) The auditor general shall be appointed by the ~~joint committee on legislative services, referred to in this chapter as "the committee."~~ inspector general and head a division within the office of the inspector general. At the time of appointment, the auditor general shall have had

active experience in general accounting principles and practices in this state for a total period of at least five (5) years. Vacancies in the office shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

(b)(1) The ~~committee~~ inspector general shall employ qualified persons necessary for the efficient operation of the office and shall fix their duties and compensation and those persons shall be in the unclassified service.

(2) No person shall be employed as an auditor who does not have adequate technical training and proficiency, and a baccalaureate degree from a college or university, and no person shall be employed or retained as legal advisor on either a full-time or a part-time basis who is not a member of the Rhode Island bar.

(c) The auditor general, before entering upon the duties of his or her office, shall take and subscribe to the oath of office required of state officers by the state constitution.

(d) The auditor general shall be covered by the state's blanket position bond and conditioned that he or she will well and faithfully discharge the duties of his or her office; promptly report any delinquency or shortage discovered in any accounts and records audited by him or her; and promptly pay over and account for any and all funds that shall come into his or her hands as auditor.

(e)(1) All auditors employed by the auditor general shall be covered by a blanket position bond. The bonds or bond shall meet and contain the same conditions as are required in the bond of the auditor general.

(2) All bonds shall be filed with the ~~committee~~ inspector general. If an auditor is not covered in the blanket position bond, an individual bond shall be filed within thirty (30) days after the employee received notice of his or her employment. The amount of the bond shall be determined by the auditor general. Failure to file an individual bond or to be covered in the blanket position bond shall terminate his or her employment.

(f) The annual premium of all bonds shall be paid out of any funds provided for the operation of the office of the inspector general.

(g) The auditor general shall be provided with suitable quarters, but to facilitate auditing and to eliminate unnecessary traveling, the ~~joint committee on legislative services~~ inspector general may establish divisions, including a performance investigation division, and assign auditors to each division and determine their duties and the areas of the state to be served by the respective divisions. The auditor general shall be provided and furnished with any space that may be necessary to carry out his or her functions in other areas of the state.

(h) The auditor general may make and enforce reasonable rules and regulations necessary to facilitate audits and investigations that the ~~joint committee on legislative services~~ inspector general authorizes the auditor general to perform. This includes the post-audit of the financial transactions and accounts of the state that is provided for by the finance committee of the house of representatives.

(i) No full-time employee of the office of auditor general shall serve as an executive, officer, or employee of any political party committee, organization, or association. Neither the auditor general nor any employee of the auditor general shall become a candidate for election to public office unless he or she shall first resign from his or her office or employment.

#### 22-13-2. Termination of appointment.

Failure on the part of the auditor general to perform the mandatory duties under the direction of the ~~committee~~ inspector general shall constitute cause for termination of appointment. The appointment of the auditor general may be terminated at any time by a ~~majority vote of the joint committee on legislative services~~ the inspector general.

#### 22-13-3. Salaries and expenses.

(a) The expenses of the members of the committee shall be approved by the ~~chairperson of the committee~~ inspector general and paid from the appropriation for ~~legislative expense~~ the office of the inspector general.

(b) The auditor general shall prepare and annually submit to the ~~committee~~ inspector general a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The ~~committee~~ inspector general shall review the budget request and may amend or change the budget request as it deems necessary. The budget request, as amended or changed by the ~~committee~~ inspector general, shall become the operating budget of the auditor general for the ensuing fiscal year; provided, that the budget so adopted may subsequently be amended under the same procedure.

(c) Within the limitations of the approved operating budget, the salaries and expenses of the auditor general and his or her staff shall be paid from the appropriation for ~~legislative expense or any other moneys appropriated by the legislature for that purpose~~ the office of the inspector general. The ~~joint committee on legislative services~~ inspector general shall approve all bills for salaries and expenses.

22-13-4. Definitions — Duties of auditor general — Investigations by committee.

(a) The following words and phrases have the following meanings unless a different meaning is required by the context:

(1) “Performance audit” means an examination of the effectiveness of administration and its efficiency and adequacy in terms of the program of the state agency authorized by law to be performed. The “performance audit” may also include a review of the agency in terms of compliance with federal and state laws and executive orders relating to equal employment opportunities and the set aside for minority businesses.

(2) “Political subdivision” means a separate agency or unit of local government created or established by law and includes, but is not limited to, the following and the officers of the following: authority, board, branch, bureau, city, commission, council, consolidated government, county, department, district, institution, metropolitan government, municipality, office, officer, public corporation, town, or village.

(3) “Post-audit” means an audit made at some point after the completion of a transaction or a group of transactions.

(4) “State agency” means a separate agency or unit of state government created or established by law and includes, but is not limited to, the following and the officers of the following: authority, board, branch, bureau, commission, council, department, division, institution, office, officer, or public corporation, as the case may be, except any agency or unit within the legislative branch of state government.

(b) The auditor general shall make post-audits and performance audits of public records and perform related duties as prescribed by the ~~committee~~ inspector general. He or she shall perform his or her duties independently but under the general policies established by the ~~committee~~ inspector general.

(c)(1) The auditor general shall have the power and duty to make post-audits and performance audits of the accounts and records of all state agencies, including the board of governors for higher education and the board of regents for elementary and secondary education, as defined in this section.

(2) The auditor general shall have the power, when requested by ~~a majority of the committee~~ the inspector general, to make post-audits and performance audits of accounts and records of any other public body or political subdivision, or any association or corporation created or established by any general or special law of the general assembly, or any person, association, or corporation to which monies of the state have been appropriated by the general assembly. Nothing in the subdivision shall be construed to apply to public utilities.



(3) The auditor general shall perform or have performed annually a complete post-audit of the financial transactions and accounts of the state when approved by the ~~chairperson of the joint committee on legislative services~~ inspector general.

(d) The ~~committee~~ inspector general may at any time, without regard to whether the legislature is then in session or out of session, take under investigation any matter within the scope of an audit either completed or then being conducted by the auditor general, and in connection with that investigation may exercise the powers of subpoena vested by law in a ~~standing committee of the legislature~~ the office of the inspector general.

(e)(1) The auditor general may, when directed by the ~~committee~~ inspector general, designate and direct any auditor employed by him or her to audit any accounts or records within the power of the auditor general to audit. The auditor shall report his or her findings for review by the auditor general, who shall prepare the audit report.

(2) The audit report shall make special mention of:

(i) Any violation of the laws within the scope of the audit; and

(ii) Any illegal or improper expenditure, any improper accounting procedures, all failures to properly record financial transactions, and all other inaccuracies, irregularities, shortages, and defalcations.

(3) At the conclusion of the audit, the auditor general or his or her designated representative will conduct an exit conference with the official whose office or department is subject to audit and submit to him or her a draft report which includes a list of findings and recommendations. If an official is not available for the exit conference, delivery of the draft report is presumed to be sufficient notice. The official must submit to the auditor general within sixty (60) days after the receipt of the draft report his or her written reply as to:

(i) Acceptance and plan of implementation of each recommendation;

(ii) Reason(s) for non-acceptance of a recommendation.

(4) Should the auditor general determine that the written explanation or rebuttal of the official whose office is subject to audit is unsatisfactory, he or she shall, as soon as practicable, report his or her findings to the ~~joint committee on legislative services~~ inspector general.

(f) ~~A copy of the audit report shall be submitted to each member of the committee.~~

(g) If the auditor general discovers any errors, unusual practices, or any other discrepancies in connection with his or her audit or post-audit of a state agency or state officers, the auditor general shall, as soon as practicable, notify in writing the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, respectively.

(h) The auditor general shall annually review the capital development program to determine: (1) the status of all projects included in the program; (2) whether the funds are being properly expended for their intended purposes; (3) the completion date or projected completion date of the projects; (4) which projects require professional services and to determine the identity of individuals or firms appointed; and (5) the expended and unexpended funds. This report shall be annually submitted to the general assembly on the first Wednesday in February.

(i) The auditor general shall supervise, coordinate, and/or conduct investigations and inspections or oversight reviews with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds.

22-13-9. Access to executive sessions of a public agency — Access to records — Disclosure by the auditor general.

(a) Whenever a public agency goes into executive session, the auditor general or his or her designated representative shall be permitted to attend the executive session or if the auditor general or his or her designee is not in attendance at the executive session, the auditor general or his or her designee, upon written request, shall be furnished with copies of all data or materials

furnished to the members of the public agency at the executive session. If the auditor general or his or her designee attends the executive session, the auditor general shall be furnished the same data in the same form and at the same time as members of the public agency.

(b) Within three (3) working days of a written request by the auditor general, the public agency shall furnish a copy, whether approved by the agency or not, of the minutes of any meeting, including any executive session of the public agency.

(c) The auditor general shall have full and unlimited access to any and all records of any public agency, in whatever form or mode the records may be, unless the auditor general's access to the records is specifically prohibited or limited by federal or state law. In no case shall any confidentiality provisions of state law be construed to restrict the auditor general's access to the records; provided, the auditor general's access to any confidential data shall not in any way change the confidential nature of the data obtained. Where an audit or investigative finding emanates from confidential data, specific confidential information will not be made public. The records shall include those in the immediate possession of a public agency as well as records which the agency itself has a right to. In the event of a dispute between the agency involved and the auditor general as to whether or not the data involved are confidential by law, the matter will be referred to the attorney general for resolution.

(d)(1) If in the course of an executive session any fact comes to the attention of the auditor general or his or her designated representative, which in his or her judgment constitutes an impropriety, irregularity, or illegal transaction, or points to the onset of an impropriety or illegal transaction, then the auditor general shall disclose that information to the ~~joint committee on legislative services~~ inspector general, the director of administration, and the chairperson of the public agency involved. Where the facts or the data upon which the facts are based are deemed confidential pursuant to the provisions of federal or state law, the auditor general's access to the information shall not in any way change the confidential nature of the data obtained.

(2) In the event of a dispute between the agency involved and the auditor general as to whether or not the data involved are confidential by law, the matter will be referred to the attorney general for resolution.

(e) The auditor general or his or her designated representative shall be immune from any liability to any party for claims arising out of disclosure authorized by this section.

(f) For the purposes of this section, the phrase "public agency" shall include the following: the Rhode Island industrial building authority, the Rhode Island recreational building authority, the Rhode Island commerce corporation, the Rhode Island industrial facilities corporation, the Rhode Island refunding bond authority, the Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation, the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation, the Rhode Island public transit authority, the Rhode Island student loan authority, the water resources board, the Rhode Island health and educational building corporation, the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority, the Narragansett Bay commission, the convention center authority, their successors and assigns, and any other body corporate and politic which has been or which is subsequently created or established within this state.

#### 22-13-10. Audit of information security systems.

(a) The general assembly recognizes that the security of government computer systems is essential to ensuring the stability and integrity of vital information gathered and stored by government for the benefit of the citizenry and the breach of security over computer systems presents a risk to the health, safety, and welfare of the public. It is the intent of the legislature to insure that government computer systems and information residing on these systems are protected from unauthorized access, compromise, sabotage, hacking, viruses, destruction, illegal

use, cyber attack or any other act which might jeopardize or harm the computer systems and the information stored on them.

(b) In conjunction with the powers and duties outlined in this chapter, the auditor general may conduct reviews and assessments of the various government computer systems and the security systems established to safeguard these computer systems. Computer systems subject to this section shall include systems which pertain to federal, state, or local programs, and quasi-governmental bodies, and the computer systems of any entity or program which is subject to audit by the office of the auditor general. The auditor general's review may include an assessment of system vulnerability, network penetration, potential security breaches, and susceptibility to cyber attack and cyber fraud.

(c) In the event the review by the auditor general indicates a computer system is vulnerable, or security over the system is lacking, those findings shall not be disclosed publicly and shall not be considered public records. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the workpapers developed in connection with the review of the computer system and the security over the system shall not be deemed public records and are not subject to disclosure. The auditor general's findings may be disclosed at the discretion of the auditor general to the chief information officer of the state as well as the ~~joint committee on legislative services~~ inspector general. Unless the auditor general authorizes the release of information or findings gathered in the conduct of a review of computer system security, all such information shall be deemed classified, confidential, secret, and non-public.

(d) In order to maintain the integrity of the computer system, the auditor general may procure the services of specialists in information security systems or other contractors deemed necessary in conducting reviews under this section, and in procuring those services shall be exempt from the requirements of the state purchasing law or regulation.

(e) Any outside contractor or vendor hired to provide services in the review of the security of a computer system shall be bound by the confidentiality provisions of this section."

3. In Article 3, page 34, line 13, by deleting the language "SECTION 17", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 19".

4. In Article 3, page 36, line 34, by deleting the language "SECTION 18", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 20".

5. In Article 3, page 38, line 23, by deleting the language "SECTION 19", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 21".

6. In Article 3, page 46, line 10, by deleting the language "SECTION 20", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 22".

7. In Article 3, page 46, line 24, by deleting the language "SECTION 21", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 23".

8. In Article 3, page 49, line 3, by deleting the language "SECTION 22", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 24".

9. In Article 3, page 49, line 10, by deleting the language "SECTION 23", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 25".

10. In Article 3, page 50, line 3, by deleting the language "SECTION 24", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 26".

11. In Article 3, page 50, line 15, by deleting the language "SECTION 25", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 27".

12. In Article 3, page 50, line 21, by deleting the language "SECTION 26", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 28".

13. In Article 3, page 57, line 12, by deleting the language "SECTION 27", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 29".

14. In Article 3, page 58, line 14, by deleting the language "SECTION 28", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 30".

15. In Article 1, page 2, between lines 4 and 5, by inserting the following language:

"Provided, however, that funds appropriated for the Office of Internal Audit and Program Integrity shall be transferred to the Office of Inspector General established pursuant to the provisions of chapter 9.4 of title 42."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Nardone

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Representatives Nardone, Carson, Majority Whip Kazarian, Minority Whip Place and Representative Lima discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote, 19 members voting in the affirmative and 53 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 19: Representatives Brien, Chippendale, Costantino, Cotter, Edwards, Fascia, Hopkins, Lima, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shanley.

NAYS - 53: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Phillips, Potter, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Carson continues the discussion on the amended article.

**Article 3 as amended** on a roll call vote, 75 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 75: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

#### **ARTICLE 4 RELATING TO DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman Slater moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Representative Diaz.

Chairman Slater discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Slater, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

#### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

#### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 4, page 3, line 2, by inserting the word "dollars", after the word "million".
2. In Article 4, page 3, line 6, by striking the word "is".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairman Slater discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret,

Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Newberry discusses the amended article.

**Article 4, as amended**, prevails on a roll call vote, 75 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 75: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

#### **ARTICLE 5 RELATING TO TAXES AND FEES**

Chairman Marszalkowski moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, Majority Whip Kazarian and Representative Diaz.

Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Marszalkowski, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

#### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

#### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 5, page 8, line 27 by deleting the language "congressional", and by inserting in place thereof the language "Congressional".
2. In Article 5, page 8, line 27, after the language "enactment", by adding the language "of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act or any other similar Congressional enactment".
3. In Article 5, page 8, line 28, by deleting the language "congressional", and by inserting in place thereof the language "Congressional".
4. In Article 5, page 8, line 33, by deleting the language "congressional", and by inserting in place thereof the language "Congressional".
5. In Article 5, page 19, line 33, by restoring the stricken language "~~one percent (1%)~~".
6. In Article 5, page 19, line 33, by deleting the language "~~two percent (2%)~~" and by inserting in place thereof the language "through December 31, 2025, and two percent (2%) for tax periods beginning on or after January 1, 2026".
7. In Article 5, page 20, line 14, by striking the language "subsection (a)" and by inserting in place thereof the language "subsections (a) and (b)".
8. In Article 5, page 20, line 24, before the language "whole" by inserting the language "/or".
9. In Article 5, page 27, line 26, after the language "(a)." by inserting the language: "For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, the threshold of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) provided pursuant to this section shall be adjusted by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar years. Said adjustment shall be compounded annually and shall be rounded up to the nearest five-dollar (\$5.00) increment. In no event shall the threshold in any tax year be less than the prior tax year."
10. In Article 5, page 55, line 7, after the language "chapter", by inserting the language "and as adjusted pursuant to § 44-72-6".
11. In Article 5, page 55, lines 24 and 25 by striking all language therein and by inserting in place thereof the language "any properties or buildings that are rented or were rented and are subject to tax pursuant to chapter 18 of title 44.".
12. In Article 5, page 55, line 29, after the language "(\$1,000,000)." by inserting the language: "For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2027, the assessed value threshold of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) provided pursuant to this section shall be adjusted by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as published by the United States Department of Labor Statistics determined as of September 30 of the prior calendar years. Said adjustment shall be compounded annually and shall be rounded up to the nearest five-dollar (\$5.00) increment. In no event shall the assessed value threshold in any tax year be less than the prior tax year".
- 13 In Article 5, page 55, line 34, after the language "and" by inserting the language "the".
- 14 In Article 5, page 58, line 17, after the language "Sections" by deleting the language "1".
15. In Article 5, page 58, line 18, after the language "Sections" by inserting the language "1,".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Lima, seconded by Minority Whip Place, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 5, page 55, line 29, by deleting the language "one million dollars (\$1,000,000)" and inserting in place thereof the language: "two million dollars (\$2,000,000)".

2. In Article 1, page 34, between lines 3 and 4, by inserting the following language:

"The department of transportation budget shall be reduced by the amount of tax revenue reduction resulting from raising the value of property subject to the tax set forth in Article 5, page 55, line 26 pursuant to § 44-72-6 from one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to two million dollars (\$2,000,000)".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Lima

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Representatives Lima, Diaz and Majority Whip Kazarian discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote, 16 members voting in the affirmative and 57 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 16: Representatives Brien, Casey, Chippendale, Costantino, Fascia, Hopkins, Lima, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

NAYS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Spears and Minority Whip Place discuss the amended article

**Article 5, as amended**, prevails on a roll call vote, 57 members voting in the affirmative and 17 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 17: Representatives Baginski, Brien, Carson, Chippendale, Costantino, Fascia, Hopkins, Lima, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

## **ARTICLE 6 RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Chairman Marszalkowski moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Majority Whip Kazarian and Representative Diaz.

Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Marszalkowski, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 6, page 8, lines 2 and 3, by deleting the language ", on and after July 1, 2025".

2. In Article 6, page 8, line 3 after the language "construction projects", by inserting the language "awarded a tax credit agreement on or after July 1, 2025, and involving a budget of direct hard construction costs (as defined in § 44-33.6-2)".

3. In Article 6, page 15, between lines 12 and 13, by inserting the following language:  
"SECTION 15. Section 44-33.6-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-33.6 entitled "Historic Preservation Tax Credits 2013" is hereby amended to read as follows:

44-33.6-3. Tax credit.

(a) Subject to the maximum credit provisions set forth in subsections (c) and (d) below, any person, firm, partnership, trust, estate, limited liability company, corporation (whether for profit or nonprofit) or other business entity that incurs qualified rehabilitation expenditures for the substantial rehabilitation of a certified historic structure, provided the rehabilitation meets standards consistent with the standards of the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior for rehabilitation as certified by the commission and said person, firm, partnership, trust, estate, limited liability company, corporation or other business entity is not a social club as defined in § 44-33.6-2, shall be entitled to a credit against the taxes imposed on such person or entity pursuant to chapter 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, or 30 of this title in an amount equal to the following:

(1) Twenty percent (20%) of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures; or  
(2) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures provided that either:

(i) At least twenty-five percent (25%) of the total rentable area of the certified historic structure will be made available for a trade or business; or

(ii) The entire rentable area located on the first floor of the certified historic structure will be made available for a trade or business.

(b) Tax credits allowed pursuant to this chapter shall be allowed for the taxable year in which such certified historic structure or an identifiable portion of the structure is placed in service provided that the substantial rehabilitation test is met for such year.

(c) Maximum project credit. The credit allowed pursuant to this chapter shall not exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for any certified rehabilitation project under this chapter. No building to be completed in phases or in multiple projects shall exceed the maximum project credit of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for all phases or projects involved in the rehabilitation of such building.

(d) Maximum aggregate credits. The aggregate credits authorized to be reserved pursuant to this chapter shall not exceed sums estimated to be available in the historic preservation tax credit trust fund pursuant to this chapter.

(e) Subject to the exception provided in subsection (g) of this section, if the amount of the tax credit exceeds the taxpayer's total tax liability for the year in which the substantially rehabilitated property is placed in service, the amount that exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability may be carried forward for credit against the taxes imposed for the succeeding ten (10) years, or until the full credit is used, whichever occurs first for the tax credits. Credits allowed to a partnership, a limited liability company taxed as a partnership, or multiple owners of property shall be passed through to the persons designated as partners, members, or owners respectively pro rata or pursuant to an executed agreement among such persons designated as partners, members, or owners documenting an alternate distribution method without regard to their sharing of other tax or economic attributes of such entity. Credits may be allocated to partners, members, or owners that are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3), section (c)(4) or section 501(c)(6) of the U.S. Code and these partners, members, or owners must be treated as taxpayers for purposes of this section.

(f) If the taxpayer has not claimed the tax credits in whole or part, taxpayers eligible for the tax credits may assign, transfer, or convey the credits, in whole or in part, by sale or otherwise to any individual or entity, including, but not limited to, condominium owners in the event the certified historic structure is converted into condominiums and assignees of the credits that have not claimed the tax credits in whole or part may assign, transfer, or convey the credits, in whole or in part, by sale or otherwise to any individual or entity. The assignee of the tax credits may use acquired credits to offset up to one hundred percent (100%) of the tax liabilities otherwise imposed pursuant to chapter 11, 12, 13 (other than the tax imposed under § 44-13-13), 14, 17, or 30 of this title. The assignee may apply the tax credit against taxes imposed on the assignee until the end of the tenth calendar year after the year in which the substantially rehabilitated property is placed in service or until the full credit assigned is used, whichever occurs first. Fiscal year assignees may claim the credit until the expiration of the fiscal year that ends within the tenth year after the year in which the substantially rehabilitated property is placed in service. The assignor shall perfect the transfer by notifying the state of Rhode Island division of taxation, in writing, within thirty (30) calendar days following the effective date of the transfer and shall provide any information as may be required by the division of taxation to administer and carry out the provisions of this section.

For purposes of this chapter, any assignment or sales proceeds received by the taxpayer for its assignment or sale of the tax credits allowed pursuant to this section shall be exempt from this title. If a tax credit is subsequently recaptured under this chapter, revoked, or adjusted, the seller's tax calculation for the year of revocation, recapture, or adjustment shall be increased by the total amount of the sales proceeds, without proration, as a modification under chapter 30 of this title. In the event that the seller is not a natural person, the seller's tax calculation under chapter 11, 12, 13 (other than with respect to the tax imposed under § 44-13-13), 14, 17, or 30 of this title, as applicable, for the year of revocation, recapture, or adjustment, shall be increased by including the total amount of the sales proceeds without proration.

(g) Credits allowed to partners, members, or owners that are exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3), section (c)(4) or section 501(c)(6) of the U.S. Code, and only said credits, shall be fully refundable.

(h) Substantial rehabilitation of property that either:

(1) Is exempt from real property tax;

(2) Is a social club; or

(3) Consists of a single-family home or a property that contains less than three (3) residential apartments or condominiums shall be ineligible for the tax credits authorized under this chapter; provided, however, a scattered site development with five (5) or more residential

units in the aggregate (which may include single-family homes) shall be eligible for tax credit. In the event a certified historic structure undergoes a substantial rehabilitation pursuant to this chapter and within twenty-four (24) months after issuance of a certificate of completed work the property becomes exempt from real property tax, the taxpayer's tax for the year shall be increased by the total amount of credit actually used against the tax.

(i) In the case of a corporation, this credit is only allowed against the tax of a corporation included in a consolidated return that qualifies for the credit and not against the tax of other corporations that may join in the filing of a consolidated tax return.

(j) For construction projects awarded a tax credit agreement on or after July 1, 2025, and involving a budget of direct hard construction costs (as defined in § 44-33.6-2) in excess of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000), all construction workers shall be paid in accordance with the wages and benefits required pursuant to chapter 13 of title 37 and all contractors and subcontractors shall file certified payrolls on a monthly basis for all work completed in the preceding month on a uniform form prescribed by the director of labor and training. Failure to follow the requirements pursuant to chapter 13 of title 37 shall constitute a material violation and a material breach of the agreement with the state. The tax administrator, in consultation with the director of labor and training, shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the enforcement of this subsection.

(k) No tax credits shall be awarded under this chapter unless the division of taxation receives confirmation from the department of labor and training that there has been compliance with the prevailing wage requirements set forth in subsection (j) of this section."

4. In Article 6, page 15, line 13, by deleting the language "SECTION 15", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 16".

5. 4. In Article 6, page 15, line 18, by deleting the language "SECTION 16", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 17".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**Article 6, as amended**, prevails on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Sanchez.

RECUSED - 0:

## **ARTICLE 7 RELATING TO EDUCATION**

Chairman Slater moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representatives Diaz, McNamara, Kislak, Spears, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Majority Whip Kazarian.

Chairman Slater discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Slater, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

#### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 7, page 2, line 17, by deleting the language, "Section 16-7.2-3" and by inserting in place thereof the language "Sections 16-7.2-3 and 16-7.2-5".

2. In Article 7, page 5, between lines 21 and 22, by inserting the following language:

"16-7.2-5. Charter public schools, the William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School, and the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center.

(a) Charter public schools, as defined in chapter 77 of this title, the William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School (Davies), and the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center (the Met Center) shall be funded pursuant to § 16-7.2-3. If the October 1 actual

enrollment data for any charter public school shows a ten percent (10%) or greater change from the prior year enrollment that is used as the reference year average daily membership, the last six (6) monthly payments to the charter public school will be adjusted to reflect actual enrollment. The state share of the permanent foundation education aid shall be paid by the state directly to the charter public schools, Davies, and the Met Center pursuant to § 16-7.2-9 and shall be calculated using the state-share ratio of the district of residence of the student as set forth in § 16-7.2-4. The department of elementary and secondary education shall provide the general assembly with the calculation of the state share of permanent foundation education aid for charter public schools delineated by school district.

(b) The local share of education funding shall be paid to the charter public school, Davies, and the Met Center by the district of residence of the student and shall be the local, per-pupil cost calculated by dividing the local appropriation to education from property taxes, net of debt service, and capital projects, as defined in the uniform chart of accounts by the average daily membership for each city and town, pursuant to § 16-7-22, for the reference year.

(c) Beginning in FY 2017, there shall be a reduction to the local per-pupil funding paid by the district of residence to charter public schools, Davies, and the Met Center. This reduction shall be equal to the greater (i) Of seven percent (7%) of the local, per-pupil funding of the district of residence pursuant to subsection (b) or (ii) The per-pupil value of the district's costs for non-public textbooks, transportation for non-public students, retiree health benefits, out-of-district special-education tuition and transportation, services for students age eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years old, pre-school screening and intervention, and career and technical education, tuition and transportation costs, debt service and rental costs minus the average expenses incurred by charter schools for those same categories of expenses as reported in the uniform chart of accounts for the prior preceding fiscal year pursuant to § 16-7-16(11) and verified by the department of elementary and secondary education. In the case where audited financials result in a change in the calculation after the first tuition payment is made, the remaining payments shall be based on the most recent audited data. For those districts whose greater reduction occurs under the calculation of (ii), there shall be an additional reduction to payments to mayoral academies with teachers who do not participate in the state teacher's retirement system under chapter 8 of title 36 equal to the per-pupil value of teacher retirement costs attributable to unfunded liability as calculated by the state's actuary for the prior preceding fiscal year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, beginning with FY 2026, the reduction to the local per-pupil funding shall not exceed fourteen percent (14%).

(d) Local district payments to charter public schools, Davies, and the Met Center for each district's students enrolled in these schools shall be made on a quarterly basis in July, October, January, and April; however, the first local-district payment shall be made by August 15, instead of July. Failure of the community to make the local-district payment for its student(s) enrolled in a charter public school, Davies, and/or the Met Center may result in the withholding of state education aid pursuant to § 16-7-31.

(e) Beginning in FY 2017, school districts with charter public school, Davies, and the Met Center enrollment, that, combined, comprise five percent (5%) or more of the average daily membership as defined in § 16-7-22, shall receive additional aid for a period of three (3) years. Aid in FY 2017 shall be equal to the number of charter public school, open-enrollment schools, Davies, or the Met Center students as of the reference year as defined in § 16-7-16 times a per-pupil amount of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175). Aid in FY 2018 shall be equal to the number of charter public school, open-enrollment schools, Davies, or the Met Center students as of the reference year as defined in § 16-7-16 times a per-pupil amount of one hundred dollars (\$100). Aid in FY 2019 shall be equal to the number of charter public school, open-enrollment

schools, Davies, or the Met Center students as of the reference year as defined in § 16-7-16 times a per-pupil amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00). The additional aid shall be used to offset the adjusted fixed costs retained by the districts of residence.

(f) [Deleted by P.L. 2023, ch. 79, art. 8, § 2.]"

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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Chairman Slater discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 71 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 71: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Hopkins, seconded by Minority Whip Place and Representative Nardone, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT**  
**TO**  
2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 7, page 5, between lines 21 and 22, by inserting the following language:

"SECTION 3. Section 16-21.1-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-21.1 entitled "Transportation of School Pupils Beyond City and Town Limits [See Title 16 Chapter 97 — The

Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended to read as follows:

**16-21.1-8. Statewide transportation system for all students.**

(a) Notwithstanding the regional structure created in this chapter, and upon implementation of a statewide school transportation system for all students, each school committee shall purchase the transportation services for their own resident students by accessing this integrated statewide system of transportation on a fee-for-service basis for each child; provided, however, that any school committee that fulfills its transportation obligations predominantly through the use of district-owned buses or district employees may apply for a variance from the commissioner of education, or the commissioner's designee, thereby requesting that its transportation obligations continue to be achieved through the use of the buses owned by the district and staffed by district employees. All fees paid for transportation services provided to students under the statewide system shall be paid into a statewide student transportation services restricted receipt account within the department of elementary and secondary education. Payments from the account shall be limited to payments to the transportation service provider and transportation system consultants. This restricted receipt account shall not be subject to the indirect cost recoveries provisions set forth in § 35-4-27. The goals of the statewide system of transportation for all students shall be the reduction of duplication of cost and routes in transporting children from the various cities and towns using different buses within and between each city and town, the improvement of services to children through the development of shorter ride times and more efficient routes of travel, and the reduction of cost to local school committees through achieving efficiency in eliminating the need for each school district to contract for and provide these transportation services separately.

(b) There shall be deducted from the final aid payment to each school district any amounts owed to the state at the end of the fiscal year for transportation of the district's students under the statewide transportation system established pursuant to this section. Districts shall receive monthly invoices summarizing the basis of the transportation fees charged. Any such deductions in aid shall be transferred to the statewide student transportation services restricted receipt account, as set forth in § 35-4-27.

(c) No school committee shall negotiate, extend, or renew any public transportation service contract unless the contract provides for payments to school bus drivers, attendants, monitors, and aides for one hundred and eighty (180) days or the length of the contracted-for school year, whichever is longer.

(d) With respect to any contract entered into under this section, a school committee or local education agency shall give a preference in contract and/or subcontract awards to the public transportation provider that uses electric buses to the greatest extent. This preference shall be given equal weight to any other preferences available to vendors.

(e) With respect to any contract entered into under this section, no school committee or local education agency ("LEA") shall take any adverse disciplinary action against any school bus driver, attendant, monitor, or aide covered by a collective bargaining agreement prior to any investigation or action taken by the contracting entity as provided for in the collective bargaining agreement. Nor shall the school committee or LEA impose discipline in excess of what is provided for in the governing collective bargaining agreement.

(f) School districts may choose not to participate in the statewide school transportation system and instead locally contract with public transportation services for students attending schools outside of their district, should the school district be able to demonstrate this would result in cost savings for the school district."

2. In article 7, page 5, line 22 by deleting the language "SECTION 3" and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 4"



3. In article 7, page 7, line 31, by deleting the language “SECTION 4” and by inserting in place thereof the language “SECTION 5”.

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Chippendale

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Representative Hopkins, Minority Whip Place, Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Cotter discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote, 16 members voting in the affirmative and 57 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 16: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Lima, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Shanley, Speakman.

NAYS - 57: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Potter, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Slater, Solomon, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

**Article 7, as amended,** prevails on a roll call vote, 75 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 75: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**ARTICLE 8 RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

Chairwoman Tanzi moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Tanzi discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairwoman Tanzi, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 8, page 32, line 5, by deleting the language "the biennial review", and by inserting in place thereof the language "reporting".

2. In Article 8, page 43, line 3, by deleting the language "and..", and by inserting in place thereof the language "and financing. The report shall include consideration of Medicaid, Medicare, commercial, and alternative contracted payments."

3. In Article 8, page 44, lines 25, 26 and 27, by striking the language "will pursue and implement any state plan or 1115 waiver amendments needed to effectuate a 340 B program.", and by inserting in place thereof the language "is authorized to pursue and implement any state plan or 1115 waiver amendments that may be needed, and to make any changes to the department's rules, regulations, and procedures that may be needed, to prohibit discrimination against 340B covered entities for drugs reimbursed by the Medicaid program."

4. In Article 8, page 45, line 8, after the language "actions", by inserting the language "by Medicaid, including managed care organizations or PMBs contracted with Medicaid,".

5. In Article 8, page 45, lines 10 and 11, by striking the language "a health insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, manufacturer, other third-party payor, or its agent", and by inserting in place thereof the language "Medicaid, a managed care organization contracted with Medicaid, a PBM contracted with Medicaid, a Medicaid managed care organization or an agent of any of the above".

6. In Article 8, page 45, line 13, by striking the language "Reimburse", and by inserting in place thereof the language "Establish a lower reimbursement rate for".

7. In Article 8, page 45, lines 13 and 14, by striking the language "at a rate lower than that paid", and by inserting in place thereof the language "the established reimbursement rate".

8. In Article 8, page 45, line 14, by striking the language "to", and by inserting in place thereof the language "for".

9. In Article 8, page 45, line 14, after the language "pharmacy;", by inserting the language "based solely on the pharmacy's or the drug's 340B status".

10. In Article 8, page 45, lines 21 through 28, by striking all the language therein.

11. In Article 8, page 45, line 29, by striking the language "(7)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(4)".

12. In Article 8, page 45, lines 31 through 34, by striking all the language therein.

13. In Article 8, page 46, lines 1 through 3, by striking all the language therein.
14. In Article 8, page 46, line 4, by striking the language "(9)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(5)".
15. In Article 8, page 46, line 8, by striking the language "(10)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(6)".
16. In Article 8, page 46, line 11, by striking the language "(11)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(7)".
17. In Article 8, page 47, lines 7 and 8, by striking the language "; and be it further", and inserting in place thereof a period ".".
18. In Article 8, page 47, line 13, after the language "services" by inserting the language "in effect as of October 1, 2025".
19. In Article 8, page 48, line 11, by striking the language "and patient", and by inserting in place thereof the language ", cost, quality and access to".
20. In Article 8, page 48, line 15, by striking the language "which", and by inserting in place thereof the language "however, this provision shall not apply to any pharmaceutical drugs and/or pharmaceutical products, and".
21. In Article 8, page 48, line 30, by striking the language "and patient care", and by inserting in place thereof the language ", cost, quality and access to care".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairwoman Tanzi discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Sanchez and Minority Whip Place discuss the amended article.

**Article 8, as amended**, prevails on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

## **ARTICLE 9 RELATING TO HOUSING**

Chairman Marszalkowski moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski and Representative Speakman.

Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Marszalkowski, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

#### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 9, page 22, line 14, by striking the word "by".
2. In Article 9, page 25, line 14, after the word "housing" by inserting the word "and".
3. In Article 9, page 37, line 1, after the language "128.1-7." by inserting the language:  
"The rules promulgated pursuant to this section shall remain in full force and effect and shall be enforced by the department of health until such time as the rules are properly transferred to the department of health's title within the Rhode Island code of regulations."
4. In Article 9, page 48, after line 34, by inserting the following language:  
"(5) The regulations promulgated under title 860 of the Rhode Island code of regulations will remain in full force and effect and shall be enforced by the executive office of housing until such a time as the rules are properly transferred to the executive office of housing's title within

the Rhode Island code of regulations, notwithstanding any other transfers authorized under § 42-128.1-7."

5. In Article 9, page 49, line 32, by deleting the language "(a)".
6. In Article 9, page 49, line 33, by deleting the language "(a)".
7. In Article 9, page 52, line 24, after the word "housing", by inserting a semicolon ";".
8. In Article 9, page 52, line 31, by deleting the period "." and by inserting in place thereof a semicolon ";".
9. In Article 9, page 53, line 1, by deleting the word "and".
10. In Article 9, page 53, line 5, after the word "Spanish", by deleting the period "." and by inserting in place thereof the following language "; and".
11. In Article 9, page 58, line 28, after the language "opportunities;", by inserting the word "and".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Abney

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Chairman Marszalkowski discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**Article 9, as amended,** prevails on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 10 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 10: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

## **ARTICLE 10 RELATING TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Chairwoman Tanzi moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman, Representatives Potter, Kislak, Giraldo, Diaz and Carson.

Chairwoman Tanzi discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Minority Whip Place, seconded by Representative Newberry, offers a written motion to amend.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

#### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 10, page 5, between lines 8 and 9, by inserting the following language:

"SECTION 2. Section 23-15-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-15 entitled "Determination of Need for New Healthcare Equipment and New Institutional Health Services" is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### **23-15-10. Application fees.**

The state agency shall require that any applicant for certificate of need submit an application fee prior to requesting any review of matters pursuant to the requirements of this chapter; except that health care facilities owned and operated by the state of Rhode Island shall be exempt from this application fee requirement. The application fee shall be paid by check made payable to the general treasurer. Except for applications that propose new or expanded tertiary or specialty care services as defined in subdivision 23-15-2(10)(vi), submission of any application filed in accordance with § 23-15-4(d) shall include an application fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) per application plus an amount equal to one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the total capital expenditure costs associated with the application. For an application filed in accordance with the requirements of § 23-15-5 (Expedition review), the application shall include an application processing fee of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) per application plus an amount equal to one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the total capital expenditure costs associated with the application. Applications that propose new or expanded tertiary or specialty care services as defined in subdivision 23-15-2(10)(vi), shall include an application fee of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) plus an amount equal to one quarter of one percent (0.25%) of the total capital expenditure costs associated with the application, which shall be limited to a total of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). Application fees shall be non-refundable. All fees

received pursuant to this chapter shall be deposited in the general fund."

2. In Article 10, page 5, line 9, by deleting the language "SECTION 2" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 3".

3. In Article 10, page 12, line 17, by deleting the language "SECTION 3" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 4".

4. In Article 10, page 13, line 25, by deleting the language "SECTION 4" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 5".

5. In Article 10, page 16, line 13, by deleting the language "SECTION 5" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 6".

6. In Article 10, page 17, line 20, by deleting the language "SECTION 6" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 7".

7. In Article 10, page 21, line 11, by deleting the language "SECTION 7" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 8".

8. In Article 10, page 23, line 2, by deleting the language "SECTION 8" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 9".

9. In Article 10, page 24, line 20, by deleting the language "SECTION 9" and inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 10".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Place

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Minority Whip Place, Representatives Slater, Spears and Kislak discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote, 13 members voting in the affirmative and 60 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 13: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Felix, Hopkins, Lima, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci.

NAYS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, Perez, Potter, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

**Article 10** prevails on a roll call vote, 75 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 75: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

### **ARTICLE 11 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRANSPORTATION**

Chairwoman Cortvriend moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairwoman Cortvriend discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairwoman Cortvriend, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, Representative Shallcross Smith offers a written motion to amend.

### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO**

2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A

### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 11, on page 6, line 26, after the language "(27)", by inserting the language "(i)".

2. In Article 11, on page 6, line 28, by deleting the language "(i)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(A)".

3. In Article 11, on page 6, line 29, by deleting the language "(ii)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(B)".

4. In Article 11, on page 6, line 30, by deleting the language "(iii)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(C)".

5. In Article 11, on page 6, line 31, by deleting the language "(28)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(ii)".

6. In Article 11, on page 6, line 32, by deleting the language "(i)", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(A)".

7. In Article 11, on page 7, line 2, by deleting the language "(ii)", and by inserting in



place thereof the language "(B)".

8. In Article 11, on page 7, line 6, by deleting the language "(iii) Hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) are", and by inserting in place thereof the language "(C) 'Hybrid electric vehicle' means a motor vehicle which is".

9. In Article 11, on page 9, line 27, by inserting the language "(1)" after the language "requirements."

10. In Article 11, on page 10, line 1, by restoring the stricken language "~~thirty-two cents (\$0.32)~~".

11. In Article 11, on page 10, line 1, be deleting the language "forty cents (\$0.40)".

12. In Article 11, on page 10, line 2, by inserting the language "for periods ending on or before June 30, 2025" after the language "state".

13. In Article 11, on page 10, between lines 2 and 3, by inserting the following language:  
"(2) Every distributor shall, on or before the twentieth day of each month, render a report to the tax administrator, upon forms to be obtained from the tax administrator, of the amount (number of gallons) of fuels purchased, sold, or used by the distributor within this state and the amount of fuels sold by the distributor without this state from fuels within this state during the preceding calendar month, and, if required by the tax administrator as to purchases, the name or names of the person or persons from whom purchased and the date and amount of each purchase, and as to sales, the name or names of the person or persons to whom sold and the amount of each sale, and shall pay at the same time to the administrator, tax at the rate of forty cents (\$0.40) per gallon on all taxable gallons of fuel sold or used in this state for periods beginning on or after July 1, 2025."

14. In Article 11, on page 10, line 7, by inserting the language "(1)" before the language "Beginning".

15. In Article 11, on page 10, line 7, by deleting the language "through June 30, 2025".

16. In Article 11, on page 10, line 7, by inserting the language "through June 30, 2025," after the language "thereafter,".

17. In Article 11, on page 10, line 11, by inserting the language "(1)" after the language "(a)".

18. In Article 11, on page 10, line 12, by inserting the language "(2)" before the language "Beginning".

19. In Article 11, on page 10, line 16, by inserting the language "(2)" after the language "(a)".

20. In Article 11, on page 10, line 18, by inserting the language "Disposition of proceeds. (1)" after the language "(a)".

21. In Article 11, on page 11, line 3, by deleting the language "FY", and by inserting in place thereof the language "fiscal year".

22. In Article 11, on page 20, line 32 by inserting the language "through June 30, 2016" after the language "each year".

23. In Article 11, on page 21, line 18, by striking the language "June 30, 2016", and by inserting in place thereof the language "December 31, 2025".

24. In Article 11, on page 22, line 1, by inserting the language "through June 30, 2015" after the language "year".

25. In Article 11, on page 22, line 4, by inserting the language "and" after the language "2026".

26. In Article 11, on page 22, line 7, by inserting the language "through June 30, 2016" after the language "year".

27. In Article 11, on page 22, line 9, by striking the language "and" after the language

"2015,".

28. In Article 11, on page 26, line 14, by inserting the language "For fiscal year 2026 only, the increase shall be based on the amount received pursuant to subsection (b)(1) or subsection (c) of this section whichever is greater."

29. In Article 11, on page 26, between lines 21 and 22, by inserting the following language:

"SECTION 14. Section 8-18-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 8-18 entitled "State and Municipal Court Compact" is hereby amended to read as follows:

8-18-6. Joint violation fines — Distribution of funds.

Cities or towns with municipal courts shall dedicate four dollars (\$4.00) for reimbursement from each summons to the general fund. Cities or towns without a municipal court shall dedicate six dollars (\$6.00) for reimbursement from each summons to the general fund. State agencies shall dedicate twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) from each summons to the general fund. Provided that cities, towns and state agencies shall also dedicate all revenues generated directly as a result of fee increases effective July 1, 2002 ~~and~~, July 1, 2008, and July 1, 2025, to the general fund."

30. In Article 11, on page 26, line 22, by deleting the language "SECTION 14", and by inserting in place thereof the language "SECTION 15".

31. In Article 11, on page 26, line 22, by deleting the language "and 13", and by inserting in place thereof the language ", 13 and 14".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairwoman Cortvriend discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 70 members voting in the affirmative and 1 member voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 1: Representative Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Santucci discusses the amended article.

**Article 11, as amended,** prevails on a roll call vote, 61 members voting in the affirmative and 13 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 61: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 13: Representatives Chippendale, Costantino, Fascia, Hopkins, Messier, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

#### **ARTICLE 12 RELATING TO LEASES**

Chairman Slater moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Slater discusses the article.

**Article 12** prevails on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

#### **ARTICLE 13 RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2025**

Chairman Abney moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Abney discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Abney, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 13, page 52, line 10, by deleting the language "matching fund".
2. In Article 13, page 52, line 19, by deleting the language "unserved and".
3. In Article 13, page 52, lines 19 and 20, by deleting the language "as defined by national telecommunications and information administration standards".
4. In Article 13, page 52, lines 21 through 23 by deleting the language "This investment shall be used to augment or provide a match for federal funds for broadband investment made available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairman Abney discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**Article 13, as amended**, prevails on a roll call vote, 74 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 74: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Perez, Phillips, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

#### **ARTICLE 1 RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2026**

Chairman Abney moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Abney discusses the article.

By unanimous consent, Chairman Abney, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski, offers a written motion to amend.

#### **FLOOR AMENDMENT TO 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

#### **AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 1, pages 1 through 44, by deleting all the language therein, and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Subject to the conditions, limitations and restrictions hereinafter contained in this act, the following general revenue amounts are hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to be expended during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. The amounts identified for federal funds and restricted receipts shall be made available pursuant to § 35-4-22 and chapter 41 of title 42. For the purposes and functions hereinafter mentioned, the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw the state controller's orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of such sums or such portions thereof as may be required from time to time upon receipt by the state controller of properly authenticated vouchers.

Administration	
Central Management	
General Revenues	4,359,358
Federal Funds	
Federal Funds	33,000,000
Restricted Receipts	193,701
Total - Central Management	37,553,059
Legal Services	
General Revenues	2,872,990
Accounts and Control	
General Revenues	5,804,845
Restricted Receipts - OPEB Board Administration	150,959
Restricted Receipts - Grants Management Administration	2,540,109
Total - Accounts and Control	8,495,913
Office of Management and Budget	
General Revenues	11,000,012
Federal Funds	
Federal Funds	151,689
Federal Funds – Capital Projects Fund	
CPF Administration	530,582
Federal Funds – State Fiscal Recovery Fund	
Pandemic Recovery Office	1,436,547
Restricted Receipts	300,000
Other Funds	1,242,011
Total - Office of Management and Budget	14,660,841
Purchasing	
General Revenues	4,008,986
Restricted Receipts	1,262,987
Other Funds	636,500
Total - Purchasing	5,908,473
Human Resources	
General Revenues	889,580
Personnel Appeal Board	
General Revenues	160,838
Information Technology	
General Revenues	1,838,147
Restricted Receipts	1,162,424
Total - Information Technology	3,000,571
Library and Information Services	
General Revenues	2,143,053
Federal Funds	1,617,500
Restricted Receipts	6,990
Total - Library and Information Services	3,767,543
Planning	
General Revenues	1,222,229
Federal Funds	3,050
Restricted Receipts	50,000
Other Funds	

Air Quality Modeling	24,000
Federal Highway - PL Systems Planning	3,821,438
State Transportation Planning Match	504,926
FTA - Metro Planning Grant	1,525,830
Total - Planning	7,151,473
General	
General Revenues	
Miscellaneous Grants/Payments	811,678
Torts Court Awards	1,750,000
Wrongful Conviction Awards	1,000,000
Resource Sharing and State Library Aid	12,095,022
Library Construction Aid	2,115,628
Restricted Receipts	1,113,557
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Security Measures State Buildings	700,000
Cranston Street Armory	600,000
State House Renovations	1,759,000
Zambarano Buildings and Campus	4,500,000
Replacement of Fueling Tanks	430,000
Environmental Compliance	225,000
Big River Management Area	797,000
Shepard Building Upgrades	2,805,000
RI Convention Center Authority	2,800,000
Pastore Center Power Plant	2,000,000
DoIT Enterprise Operations Center	5,550,000
Cannon Building	150,000
Old State House	600,000
State Office Building	500,000
State Office Reorganization & Relocation	750,000
William Powers Building	2,500,000
Pastore Center Non-Hospital Buildings Asset Protection	7,750,000
Washington County Government Center	100,000
Chapin Health Laboratory	100,000
560 Jefferson Blvd Asset Protection	2,050,000
Arrigan Center	200,000
Civic Center	3,800,000
Veterans Auditorium	380,000
Pastore Center Hospital Buildings Asset Protection	1,000,000
Pastore Campus Infrastructure	15,000,000
Community Facilities Asset Protection	225,000
Medical Examiners - New Facility	50,000
Group Home Replacement & Rehabilitation	5,000,000
Expo Center	500,000
Group Homes Consolidation	5,350,000
Total - General	87,056,885
Debt Service Payments	
General Revenues	178,801,286

Other Funds	
Transportation Debt Service	32,982,697
Investment Receipts - Bond Funds	100,000
Total - Debt Service Payments	211,883,983
Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange	
General Revenues	1,889,227
Federal Funds	10,758,473
Restricted Receipts	17,298,973
Total - Rhode Island Health Benefits Exchange	29,946,673
Division of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	
General Revenues	2,308,469
Other Funds	108,978
Total - Division of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion	2,417,447
Capital Asset Management and Maintenance	
General Revenues	10,990,302
Statewide Personnel and Operations	
FEMA Contingency Reserve	
General Revenues	2,500,000
Primary Care Health Assessment State Cost	
General Revenues	750,000
Federal Funds	100,500
Restricted Receipts	44,575
Other Funds	477,295
Total - Statewide Personnel and Operations	3,872,370
Grand Total - Administration	430,628,941
Office of Energy Resources	
Federal Funds	31,554,214
Restricted Receipts	39,089,028
Other Funds	
National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program	4,668,785
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Energy Efficiency Improvements	1,000,000
Grand Total – Office of Energy Resources	76,312,027
Business Regulation	
Central Management	
General Revenues	4,360,810
Restricted Receipts	39,014
Total - Central Management	4,399,824
Banking Regulation	
General Revenues	2,107,972
Restricted Receipts	50,000
Total - Banking Regulation	2,157,972
Securities Regulation	
General Revenues	1,000,863
Insurance Regulation	
General Revenues	5,125,539
Restricted Receipts	1,617,538
Total - Insurance Regulation	6,743,077



Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner	
General Revenues	3,107,152
Federal Funds	439,300
Restricted Receipts	603,592
Total - Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner	4,150,044
Board of Accountancy	
General Revenues	5,490
Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing	
General Revenues	1,268,739
Restricted Receipts	1,045,581
Total - Commercial Licensing and Gaming and Athletics Licensing	2,314,320
Building, Design and Fire Professionals	
General Revenues	8,793,216
Federal Funds	346,788
Restricted Receipts	2,130,377
Other Funds	
Quonset Development Corporation	52,983
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Fire Academy Expansion	7,000,000
Total - Building, Design and Fire Professionals	18,323,364
Grand Total - Business Regulation	39,094,954
RI Cannabis Control Commission	
Restricted Receipts	7,303,563
Executive Office of Commerce	
Central Management	
General Revenues	2,369,982
Quasi-Public Appropriations	
General Revenues	
Rhode Island Commerce Corporation	8,506,041
Airport Impact Aid	1,010,036
Sixty percent (60%) of the first \$1,000,000 appropriated for airport impact aid shall be distributed to each airport serving more than 1,000,000 passengers based upon its percentage of the total passengers served by all airports serving more than 1,000,000 passengers. Forty percent (40%) of the first \$1,000,000 shall be distributed based on the share of landings during calendar year 2025 at North Central Airport, Newport-Middletown Airport, Block Island Airport, Quonset Airport, T.F. Green International Airport and Westerly Airport, respectively. The Rhode Island commerce corporation shall make an impact payment to the towns or cities in which the airport is located based on this calculation. Each community upon which any part of the above airports is located shall receive at least \$25,000.	
STAC Research Alliance	900,000
Innovative Matching Grants/Internships	1,000,000
I-195 Redevelopment District Commission	1,245,050
Polaris Manufacturing Grant	500,000
East Providence Waterfront Commission	50,000
Urban Ventures	140,000
Chafee Center at Bryant	476,200
Blackstone Valley Visitor Center	75,000
Industrial Recreational Building Authority Obligations	105,094

## Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
I-195 Redevelopment District Commission	700,000
I-195 Park Improvements	1,100,000
Quonset Infrastructure	2,500,000
PFAS Mitigation at Quonset Business Park	1,000,000
Total - Quasi-Public Appropriations	19,307,421

## Economic Development Initiatives Fund

## General Revenues

Rebuild RI Tax Credit Fund	10,085,000
Destination Marketing	1,400,000
RI Innovation Ecosystem	250,000

Federal Funds	20,000,000
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Total - Economic Development Initiatives Fund	31,735,000
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## Commerce Programs

## General Revenues

Wavemaker Fellowship	2,566,621
Air Service Development Fund	2,728,800
Main Street RI Streetscape Improvement Fund	125,000
Total - Commerce Programs	5,420,421

Grand Total - Executive Office of Commerce	58,832,824
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## Housing

General Revenues	6,464,465
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Provided that \$100,000 shall support Sojourner House's supportive housing and rapid rehousing activities.

Federal Funds	15,596,037
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Restricted Receipts	23,018,954
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Grand Total - Housing	45,079,456
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## Labor and Training

## Central Management

General Revenues	1,661,890
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Restricted Receipts	488,494
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Total - Central Management	2,150,384
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## Workforce Development Services

General Revenues	878,758
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Federal Funds	19,112,629
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Total - Workforce Development Services	19,991,387
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## Workforce Regulation and Safety

General Revenues	5,347,291
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## Income Support

General Revenues	3,684,566
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Federal Funds	22,883,898
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Restricted Receipts	4,635,586
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## Other Funds

Temporary Disability Insurance Fund	287,480,146
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Employment Security Fund	249,200,000
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Total - Income Support	567,884,196
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## Injured Workers Services

Restricted Receipts	11,233,092
Labor Relations Board	
General Revenues	556,737
Governor's Workforce Board	
General Revenues	6,050,000
Provided that \$600,000 of these funds shall be used for 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 § 23-17.5-36.	
Restricted Receipts	19,054,596
Provided that at least \$150,000 of these funds shall be used to provide hospitality industry workforce training grants including, but not limited to, certified food and alcohol safety training programs offered in multiple languages.	
Total - Governor's Workforce Board	25,104,596
Grand Total - Labor and Training	632,267,683
Department of Revenue	
Director of Revenue	
General Revenues	3,168,518
Office of Revenue Analysis	
General Revenues	1,173,041
Lottery Division	
Other Funds	448,042,227
Municipal Finance	
General Revenues	2,045,839
Taxation	
General Revenues	38,331,490
Restricted Receipts	4,660,479
Other Funds	
Motor Fuel Tax Evasion	175,000
Total - Taxation	43,166,969
Registry of Motor Vehicles	
General Revenues	35,374,576
Federal Funds	493,061
Restricted Receipts	5,429,330
Total - Registry of Motor Vehicles	41,296,967
State Aid	
General Revenues	
Distressed Communities Relief Fund	14,884,458
Payment in Lieu of Tax Exempt Properties	51,317,647
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Payments	239,547,419
Property Revaluation Program	712,390
Tangible Tax Exemption Program	25,903,228
Restricted Receipts	995,120
Total - State Aid	333,360,262
Collections	
General Revenues	994,263
Grand Total - Revenue	873,248,086
Legislature	

General Revenues	58,734,623
Restricted Receipts	2,690,297
Grand Total - Legislature	61,424,920

## Lieutenant Governor

General Revenues	1,519,219
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## Secretary of State

## Administration

General Revenues	5,975,167
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Provided that \$100,000 be allocated to support the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities for grant making to civic and cultural organizations, and \$50,000 to support Rhode Island's participation in the We the People Civics Challenge.

## Corporations

General Revenues	2,913,879
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## State Archives

General Revenues	356,659
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Restricted Receipts	404,790
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Total - State Archives	761,449
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## Elections and Civics

General Revenues	2,107,040
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Federal Funds	2,000,000
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Total - Elections and Civics	4,107,040
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## State Library

General Revenues	668,263
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Provided that \$125,000 be allocated to support the Rhode Island Historical Society and \$18,000 be allocated to support the Newport Historical Society, pursuant to §§ 29-2-1 and 29-2-2, and \$25,000 be allocated to support the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society.

## Office of Public Information

General Revenues	840,724
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Receipted Receipts	25,000
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Total - Office of Public Information	865,724
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Grand Total - Secretary of State	15,291,522
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## General Treasurer

## Treasury

General Revenues	3,665,773
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Federal Funds	365,134
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## Other Funds

Temporary Disability Insurance Fund	246,415
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Tuition Savings Program - Administration	388,916
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Total - Treasury	4,666,238
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## State Retirement System

## Restricted Receipts

Admin Expenses - State Retirement System	13,193,967
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Retirement - Treasury Investment Operations	2,846,571
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Defined Contribution - Administration	277,654
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Total - State Retirement System	16,318,192
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## Unclaimed Property

Restricted Receipts	3,338,043
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## Crime Victim Compensation

General Revenues	934,450
Federal Funds	467,993
Restricted Receipts	250,000
Total - Crime Victim Compensation	1,652,443
Grand Total - General Treasurer	25,974,916
Board of Elections	
General Revenues	4,474,931
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	
General Revenues	2,419,632
Office of Governor	
General Revenues	
General Revenues	9,184,918
Contingency Fund	150,000
Grand Total - Office of Governor	9,334,918
Commission for Human Rights	
General Revenues	2,249,158
Federal Funds	523,529
Grand Total - Commission for Human Rights	2,772,687
Public Utilities Commission	
Federal Funds	753,555
Restricted Receipts	14,754,719
Grand Total - Public Utilities Commission	15,508,274
Executive Office of Health and Human Services	
Central Management	
General Revenues	32,413,726
<p>Provided that of this amount, \$900,000 will be for Mobile Response and Stabilization Services for uninsured and underinsured child and youth and cover services and costs not otherwise reimbursed. Also \$500,000 is for Thundermist's Family Residency Program contingent upon receiving federal funds and \$150,000 will be for an Olmstead Plan Coordinator.</p>	
All-Payer Claims Database	509,950
Health System Planning and Overtight	
777,260	
Medicaid Enterprise System	1,873,838
Medicaid Management Information System	6,064,700
Unified Health Infrastructure	22,368,654
Federal Funds	
Federal Funds	70,793,907
All-Payer Claims Database	10,212,239
Health System Planning and Oversight	
153,750	
Medicaid Enterprise System	12,364,541
Medicaid Management Information System	19,566,585
Unified Health Infrastructure Project	56,336,615
Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund	
Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics	205,295
Restricted Receipts	15,463,598
Total - Central Management	249,104,658
Medical Assistance	

General Revenues	
Managed Care	464,278,305
Hospitals	136,238,010
Nursing Facilities	204,266,507
Home and Community Based Services	125,703,952
Other Services	160,879,834
Pharmacy	100,069,654
Rhody Health	234,976,854
Federal Funds	
Managed Care	653,184,013
Hospitals	285,888,183
Nursing Facilities	273,055,474
Home and Community Based Services	168,075,434
Other Services	796,373,214
Pharmacy	4,130,346
Rhody Health	326,578,917
Other Programs	32,611,481
Restricted Receipts	11,021,948
Total - Medical Assistance	3,977,332,126
Grand Total – Executive Office of Health and Human Services	4,226,436,784

## Children, Youth and Families

## Central Management

General Revenues 17,937,159

The director of the department of children, youth and families shall provide to the speaker of the house and president of the senate at least every ninety (90) days beginning September 30, 2025, a report on the process to maintain accreditation in accordance with § 42-72-5.3. The report shall, at minimum, provide data regarding recruitment and retention efforts, including maintaining a diverse workforce, documentation of newly filled and vacated positions, and progress in reducing worker caseloads.

It shall also contain the number of filled full-time equivalent positions compared to the department's authorization and disaggregated by job classification, and as compared to the staffing recommended in the October 1, 2020 accreditation plan that was funded beginning in the fiscal year 2022 budget. The report shall also include information on turnover assumptions, expressed as funded positions compared to filled and authorized.

Federal Funds	15,237,654
Total - Central Management	33,174,813
Children's Behavioral Health Services	
General Revenues	7,109,636
Federal Funds	8,824,070
Total - Children's Behavioral Health Services	15,933,706
Youth Development Services	
General Revenues	25,678,366
Federal Funds	647,931
Restricted Receipts	1,500
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Training School Asset Protection	250,000
Residential Treatment Facilities	11,000,000

Total - Youth Development Services	37,577,797
Child Welfare	
General Revenues	211,849,897
Federal Funds	93,910,710
Restricted Receipts	1,743,471
Total - Child Welfare	307,504,078
Higher Education Incentive Grants	
General Revenues	200,000
Provided that these funds and any unexpended or unencumbered previous years' funding are to be used exclusively to fund awards to eligible youth.	
Grand Total - Children, Youth and Families	394,390,394
Health	
Central Management	
General Revenues	
General Revenues	2,588,732
Of this amount, \$50,000 is to support the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation and the organization's new survivorship and well-being center in Lincoln, RI.	
Psychiatry Resource Network	750,000
Primary Care Training Sites Program	2,000,000
Provided that unexpended or unencumbered balances as of June 30, 2026 are hereby reappropriated to the following fiscal year.	
Federal Funds	4,884,431
Restricted Receipts	22,233,391
Provided that the disbursement of any indirect cost recoveries on federal grants budgeted in this line item that are derived from grants authorized under The Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act (P.L. 116-123); The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (P.L. 116-127); The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (P.L. 116- 136); The Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (P.L. 116-139); the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (P.L. 116-260); and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2), are hereby subject to the review and prior approval of the director of management and budget. No obligation or expenditure of these funds shall take place without such approval.	
Total - Central Management	32,456,554
Community Health and Equity	
General Revenues	2,051,358
Federal Funds	88,096,432
Restricted Receipts	67,695,968
Total - Community Health and Equity	157,843,758
Environmental Health	
General Revenues	6,836,896
Federal Funds	14,433,189
Restricted Receipts	1,104,785
Total - Environmental Health	22,374,870
Health Laboratories	
General Revenues	9,514,520
Federal Funds	2,666,663
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	

Health Laboratories & Medical Examiner Equipment	400,000
New Health Laboratory Building	8,363,883
Total - Health Laboratories	20,945,066
State Medical Examiners	
General Revenues	4,521,784
Federal Funds	67,325
Total – State Medical Examiners	4,589,109
Healthcare Quality and Safety	
General Revenues	7,868,321
Federal Funds	6,746,561
Restricted Receipts	1,199,564
Total – Healthcare Quality and Safety	15,814,446
Policy, Information and Communications	
General Revenues	2,785,613
Provided that \$200,000 of this amount and its corresponding federal match is used for loan repayment assistance specifically for primary care physicians and pediatricians through the Health Professional Loan Repayment Program authorized by § 23-14.1.	
Federal Funds	5,593,898
Restricted Receipts	842,433
Total - Policy, Information and Communications	9,221,944
Emergency Preparedness and Infectious Disease	
General Revenues	1,907,851
Federal Funds	15,196,529
Total – Emergency Preparedness and Infectious Disease	17,104,380
COVID-19	
Federal Funds	15,176,647
Grand Total - Health	295,526,774
Human Services	
Central Management	
General Revenues	8,050,831

Of this amount, \$400,000 is to support the domestic violence prevention fund to provide direct services through the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, \$25,000 for the Center for Southeast Asians, \$450,000 to support Project Reach activities provided by the RI Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs, \$300,000 is for outreach and supportive services through Day One, \$950,000 is for food collection and distribution through the Rhode Island Community Food Bank, \$500,000 for services provided to the homeless at Crossroads Rhode Island, \$600,000 for the Community Action Fund, \$250,000 is for the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence's Reduction Strategy, \$200,000 to provide operational support to the United Way's 211 system, \$125,000 is to support services provided to the immigrant and refugee population through Higher Ground International, \$50,000 is for services provided to refugees through the Refugee Dream Center and \$150,000 for the Substance Use and Mental Health Leadership Council of RI.

The director of the department of human services shall provide to the speaker of the house, president of the senate, and chairs of the house and senate finance committees at least every sixty (60) days beginning August 1, 2022, a report on its progress in recruiting and retaining customer serving staff. The report shall include: documentation of newly filled and vacated positions, including lateral transfers, position titles, civil service information, including numbers of eligible and available candidates, plans for future testing and numbers of eligible and



available candidates resulting from such testing, impacts on caseload backlogs and call center wait times, as well as other pertinent information as determined by the director.

Federal Funds	8,064,314
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Of this amount, \$3.0 million is to sustain Early Head Start and Head Start programs.

Restricted Receipts	300,000
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Total - Central Management	16,415,145
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Child Support Enforcement

General Revenues	4,390,046
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Federal Funds	10,229,053
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Restricted Receipts	3,816,099
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Total - Child Support Enforcement	18,435,198
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Individual and Family Support

General Revenues	35,143,366
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Federal Funds	128,579,088
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Restricted Receipts	115,000
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Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds

Blind Vending Facilities	165,000
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Total - Individual and Family Support	164,002,454
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Office of Veterans Services

General Revenues	33,499,864
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Of this amount, \$200,000 is to provide support services through veterans' organizations, \$50,000 is to support Operation Stand Down, and \$100,000 is to support the Veterans Services Officers (VSO) program through the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Federal Funds	15,752,830
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Restricted Receipts	1,725,342
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Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds

Veterans Home Asset Protection	665,000
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Veterans Memorial Cemetery Asset Protection	300,000
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Total - Office of Veterans Services	51,943,036
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Health Care Eligibility

General Revenues	10,511,087
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Federal Funds	16,662,419
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Total - Health Care Eligibility	27,173,506
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Supplemental Security Income Program

General Revenues	16,680,780
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Rhode Island Works

General Revenues	9,891,538
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Federal Funds	109,225,738
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Total - Rhode Island Works	119,117,276
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Other Programs

General Revenues	2,231,840
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Federal Funds	382,432,873
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Restricted Receipts	8,000
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Total - Other Programs	384,672,713
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Office of Healthy Aging

General Revenues	15,623,340
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Of this amount, \$325,000 is to provide elder services, including respite, through the Diocese of Providence; \$40,000 is for ombudsman services provided by the Alliance for Long Term Care in accordance with chapter 66.7 of title 42; and \$1,600,000 is for Senior Services Support and \$730,000 is for elderly nutrition, of which \$680,000 is for Meals on Wheels.

Federal Funds	19,011,572
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Restricted Receipt	46,200
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Other Funds

Intermodal Surface Transportation Fund	4,267,406
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The Office shall reimburse the Rhode Island public transit authority for the elderly/disabled transportation program expenses no later than fifteen (15) days of the authority's submission of a request for payment.

Total - Office of Healthy Aging	38,948,518
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Grand Total - Human Services	837,388,626
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Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

Central Management

General Revenues	8,058,892
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Federal Funds	2,631,491
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Restricted Receipts	559,071
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Total - Central Management	11,249,454
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Services for the Developmentally Disabled

General Revenues	218,735,702
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Provided that of this general revenue funding, an amount certified by the department shall be expended on certain community-based department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH) developmental disability private provider and self-directed consumer direct care service worker raises and associated payroll costs as authorized by BHDDH and to finance the new services rates implemented by BHDDH pursuant to the Consent Decree Addendum. Any increase for direct support staff and residential or other community-based setting must first receive the approval of BHDDH.

Provided further that of this general revenue funding, \$928,200 shall be expended on a Transformation Fund to be used for I/DD integrated day activities and supported employment services, or which a total of \$650,000 shall be expended specifically on those who self-direct for creation of regional service advisement models and pool of substitute staff. All unexpended or unencumbered balances of this designation at the end of the fiscal year shall be reappropriated to the ensuing fiscal year and made immediately available for the same purpose.

Federal Funds	286,950,145
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Provided that of this federal funding, an amount certified by the department shall be expended on certain community-based department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH) developmental disability private provider and self-directed consumer direct care service worker raises and associated payroll costs as authorized by BHDDH and to finance the new services rates implemented by BHDDH pursuant to the Consent Decree Addendum. Any increase for direct support staff and residential or other community-based setting must first receive the approval of BHDDH.

Provided further that of this federal funding, \$371,800 shall be expended on a Transformation Fund to be used for I/DD integrated day activities and supported employment services. All unexpended or unencumbered balances of this designation at the end of the fiscal year shall be reappropriated to the ensuing fiscal year and made immediately available for the same purpose.

Restricted Receipts	1,300,866
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## Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds

DD Residential Support 100,000

Total - Services for the Developmentally Disabled 507,086,713

## Behavioral Healthcare Services

General Revenues 4,817,486

## Federal Funds

Federal Funds 32,467,553

Provided that \$250,000 from Social Services Block Grant funds is awarded to The Providence Center to coordinate with Oasis Wellness and Recovery Center for its support and services program offered to individuals with behavioral health issues.

## Federal Funds – State Fiscal Recovery

9-8-8 Hotline 1,800,000

Restricted Receipts 5,416,046

Provided that \$450,000 from the opioid stewardship fund is distributed equally to the seven regional substance abuse prevention task forces to fund priorities determined by each Task Force.

Total - Behavioral Healthcare Services 44,501,085

Hospital and Community Rehabilitative Services

General Revenues 53,723,206

Federal Funds 61,515,889

Restricted Receipts 4,634,700

## Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds

Hospital Equipment 300,000

Total - Hospital and Community Rehabilitative Services 120,173,795

## State of RI Psychiatric Hospital

General Revenues 33,443,552

Restricted Receipts 144,000

## Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds

RISPH Equipment 100,000

Total - State of RI Psychiatric Hospital 33,687,552

Grand Total - Behavioral Healthcare,

Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals 716,698,599

## Office of the Child Advocate

General Revenues 2,264,613

## Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

General Revenues 786,233

Restricted Receipts 142,921

Grand Total - Comm. On Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing 929,154

## Governor's Commission on Disabilities

General Revenues

General Revenues 870,754

Livable Home Modification Grant Program 515,278

Provided that this will be used for home modification and accessibility enhancements to construct, retrofit, and/or renovate residences to allow individuals to remain in community settings. This will be in consultation with the executive office of health and human services. All

unexpended or unencumbered balances, at the end of the fiscal year, shall be reappropriated to the ensuing fiscal year, and made immediately available for the same purpose.

Federal Funds	340,067
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Restricted Receipts	79,943
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Grand Total - Governor's Commission on Disabilities	1,806,042
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Office of the Mental Health Advocate

General Revenues	1,117,164
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Elementary and Secondary Education

Administration of the Comprehensive Education Strategy

General Revenues	34,222,798
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Provided that \$90,000 be allocated to support the hospital school at Hasbro Children's Hospital pursuant to § 16-7-20; \$395,000 be allocated to support child opportunity zones through agreements with the department of elementary and secondary education to strengthen education, health and social services for students and their families as a strategy to accelerate student achievement; \$450,000 and 3.0 full-time equivalent positions be allocated to support a special education function to facilitate individualized education program (IEP) and 504 services; and further provided that \$130,000 be allocated to City Year for the Whole School Whole Child Program, which provides individualized support to at-risk students.

Federal Funds

Federal Funds	255,593,813
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Provided that \$684,000 from the department's administrative share of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funds be allocated to the Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities to support the Rhode Island Vision Education and Services Program.

Federal Funds – State Fiscal Recovery Fund

Adult Education Providers	128,373
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Restricted Receipts

Restricted Receipts	1,724,551
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HRIC Adult Education Grants	3,500,000
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Total - Admin. of the Comprehensive Ed. Strategy	295,169,535
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Davies Career and Technical School

General Revenues	18,532,152
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Federal Funds	924,285
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Restricted Receipts	5,471,394
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Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds

Davies School HVAC	50,000
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Davies School Asset Protection	750,000
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Davies School Healthcare Classroom Renovations	6,911,727
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Davies School Wing Renovation	34,515,423
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Total - Davies Career and Technical School	67,154,981
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RI School for the Deaf

General Revenues	8,809,938
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Federal Funds	271,830
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Restricted Receipts	1,097,000
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Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds

School for the Deaf Asset Protection	100,000
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Total - RI School for the Deaf	10,278,768
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## Metropolitan Career and Technical School

General Revenues	12,966,926
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## Other Funds

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
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MET School Asset Protection	250,000
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Total - Metropolitan Career and Technical School	13,216,926
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## Education Aid

General Revenues	1,272,230,353
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Provided that the criteria for the allocation of early childhood funds shall prioritize pre-kindergarten seats and classrooms for four-year-olds whose family income is at or below one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of federal poverty guidelines and who reside in communities with higher concentrations of low performing schools.

Restricted Receipts	38,952,936
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Total - Education Aid	1,311,183,289
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## Central Falls School District

General Revenues	54,567,882
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## School Construction Aid

## General Revenues

School Housing Aid	119,887,755
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## Teachers' Retirement

General Revenues	137,991,006
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Grand Total - Elementary and Secondary Education	2,009,450,142
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## Public Higher Education

## Office of Postsecondary Commissioner

General Revenues	33,322,291
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Provided that \$455,000 shall be allocated to Onward We Learn pursuant to § 16-70-5, \$75,000 shall be allocated to Best Buddies Rhode Island to support its programs for children with developmental and intellectual disabilities. It is also provided that \$7,367,460 shall be allocated to the Rhode Island promise scholarship program; \$151,410 shall be used to support Rhode Island's membership in the New England Board of Higher Education; \$5,476,723 shall be allocated to the Rhode Island hope scholarship program; and \$100,000 shall be allocated to the Rhode Island School for Progressive Education to support access to higher education opportunities for teachers of color.

## Federal Funds

Federal Funds	5,582,208
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Guaranty Agency Administration	60,000
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## Restricted Receipts

Restricted Receipts	8,383,189
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Tuition Savings Program - Scholarships and Grants	3,400,000
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## Other Funds

Nursing Education Center - Operating	3,295,810
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Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
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WEC Expansion - Annex Site	1,220,000
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Total - Office of Postsecondary Commissioner	55,263,498
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## University of Rhode Island

## General Revenues

General Revenues	115,308,021
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Provided that in order to leverage federal funding and support economic development,

\$700,000 shall be allocated to the small business development center, \$125,000 shall be allocated to the Institute for Labor Studies & Research, \$50,000 shall be allocated to Special Olympics Rhode Island to support its mission of providing athletic opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and \$874,069 shall be used to support programming related to career readiness, career placement, internships, and work-based learning.

Debt Service	31,526,482
RI State Forensics Laboratory	1,803,420
Other Funds	
University and College Funds	847,374,010
Debt - Dining Services	781,957
Debt - Education and General	5,076,811
Debt - Health Services	16,032
Debt - Housing Loan Funds	13,863,455
Debt - Memorial Union	758,853
Debt - Ryan Center	2,888,322
Debt - Parking Authority	889,077
URI Restricted Debt Service - Energy Conservation	536,169
URI Debt Service - Energy Conservation	1,956,906
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Asset Protection	14,606,536
Mechanical, Electric, and Plumbing Improvements	7,293,838
Fire Protection Academic Buildings	1,641,903
Bay Campus	8,146,722
Athletics Complex	33,942,707
Provided that total Rhode Island capital plan funds provide no more than 80.0 percent of the total project.	
Stormwater Management	4,252,678
PFAS Removal Water Treatment Plant	13,759,400
Campus Accessibility	2,300,000
Building Envelope Improvements	3,000,000
Total - University of Rhode Island	1,111,723,299

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 35-3-15, all unexpended or unencumbered balances as of June 30, 2026 relating to the university of Rhode Island are hereby reappropriated to fiscal year 2027.

#### Rhode Island College

##### General Revenues

General Revenues	70,714,722
Provided that \$464,377 shall be used to support programming related to career readiness, career placement, internships, and work-based learning.	
Debt Service	7,933,336
Rhode Island Vision Education and Services Program	1,800,000
Other Funds	
University and College Funds	120,309,539
Debt - Education and General	1,478,585
Debt - Student Union	212,200
Debt - G.O. Debt Service	1,585,353
Debt - Energy Conservation	762,375
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	

Asset Protection	5,950,000
Infrastructure Modernization	5,675,000
Total - Rhode Island College	216,421,110
Notwithstanding the provisions of § 35-3-15, all unexpended or unencumbered balances as of June 30, 2026, relating to Rhode Island college are hereby reappropriated to fiscal year 2027.	
Community College of Rhode Island	
General Revenues	
General Revenues	63,740,346
Provided that \$391,175 shall be used to support programming related to career readiness, career placement, internships, and work-based learning.	
Debt Service	1,097,898
Restricted Receipts	953,442
Other Funds	
University and College Funds	114,885,691
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Asset Protection	3,469,452
Data, Cabling, and Power Infrastructure	5,750,000
Flanagan Campus Renovations	3,200,000
CCRI Renovation and Modernization Phase I	15,000,000
CCRI Renovation and Modernization Phase II - IV	6,100,000
CCRI Accessibility Improvements	290,000
Total - Community College of RI	214,486,829
Notwithstanding the provisions of § 35-3-15, all unexpended or unencumbered balances as of June 30, 2026, relating to the community college of Rhode Island are hereby reappropriated to fiscal year 2027.	
Grand Total - Public Higher Education	1,597,894,736
RI State Council on the Arts	
General Revenues	
Operating Support	1,224,685
Grants	1,190,000
Provided that \$400,000 be provided to support the operational costs of WaterFire Providence art installations.	
Federal Funds	1,022,711
Restricted Receipts	115,058
Other Funds	
Art for Public Facilities	690,000
Grand Total - RI State Council on the Arts	4,242,454
RI Atomic Energy Commission	
General Revenues	1,278,282
Restricted Receipts	25,036
Other Funds	
URI Sponsored Research	361,177
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Asset Protection	50,000
Grand Total - RI Atomic Energy Commission	1,714,495
RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission	
General Revenues	1,969,751

Provided that \$30,000 support the operational costs of the Fort Adams Trust's restoration activities and that \$25,000 shall be allocated to Rhode Island Slave History Medallions.

Federal Funds	822,451
Restricted Receipts	511,827
Other Funds	
RIDOT Project Review	144,602
Grand Total - RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Comm.	3,448,631
Attorney General	
Criminal	
General Revenues	23,147,524
Federal Funds	3,404,012
Restricted Receipts	2,096,085
Total - Criminal	28,647,621
Civil	
General Revenues	7,301,706
Federal Funds	100,000
Restricted Receipts	4,724,238
Total - Civil	12,125,944
Bureau of Criminal Identification	
General Revenues	2,440,742
Federal Funds	64,547
Restricted Receipts	1,329,498
Total - Bureau of Criminal Identification	3,834,787
General	
General Revenues	5,354,455
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Building Renovations and Repairs	2,525,000
Total - General	7,879,455
Grand Total - Attorney General	52,487,807
Corrections	
Central Management	
General Revenues	24,875,748
Parole Board	
General Revenues	1,673,257
Custody and Security	
General Revenues	182,260,831
Federal Funds	1,371,846
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Intake Service Center HVAC	27,818,335
Total - Custody and Security	211,451,012
Institutional Support	
General Revenues	40,099,600
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Asset Protection	8,277,650
Correctional Facilities – Renovations	3,179,677



Total - Institutional Support	51,556,927
Institutional Based Rehab/Population Management	
General Revenues	15,027,101
Provided that \$1,050,000 be allocated to Crossroads Rhode Island for sex offender discharge planning.	
The director of the department of corrections shall provide to the speaker of the house and president of the senate at least every ninety (90) days beginning September 1, 2022, a report on efforts to modernize the correctional industries program. The report shall, at minimum, provide data on the past ninety (90) days regarding program participation; changes made in programming to more closely align with industry needs; new or terminated partnerships with employers, nonprofits, and advocacy groups; current program expenses and revenues; and the employment status of all persons on the day of discharge from department care who participated in the correctional industries program.	
Federal Funds	386,256
Restricted Receipts	1,300,000
Total - Institutional Based Rehab/Population Mgt.	16,713,357
Healthcare Services	
General Revenues	37,051,880
Community Corrections	
General Revenues	23,026,186
Restricted Receipts	3,091
Total - Community Corrections	23,029,277
Grand Total - Corrections	366,351,458
Judiciary	
Supreme Court	
General Revenues	
General Revenues	36,665,481
Provided however, that no more than \$1,430,073 in combined total shall be offset to the public defender's office, the attorney general's office, the department of corrections, the department of children, youth and families, and the department of public safety for square-footage occupancy costs in public courthouses and further provided that \$500,000 be allocated to the Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence for the domestic abuse court advocacy project pursuant to § 12-29-7 and that \$90,000 be allocated to Rhode Island Legal Services, Inc. to provide housing and eviction defense to indigent individuals.	
Defense of Indigents	7,875,432
Federal Funds	205,395
Restricted Receipts	4,312,243
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Judicial Complexes - HVAC	500,000
Judicial Complexes Asset Protection	1,500,000
Judicial Complexes Fan Coil Unit Replacements	500,000
Garrahy Courthouse Restoration	1,125,000
Total - Supreme Court	52,683,551
Judicial Tenure and Discipline	
General Revenues	188,686
Superior Court	
General Revenues	30,216,228

Restricted Receipts	325,000
Total - Superior Court	30,541,228
Family Court	
General Revenues	29,167,951
Federal Funds	5,392,549
Total - Family Court	34,560,500
District Court	
General Revenues	17,697,776
Federal Funds	696,951
Restricted Receipts	60,000
Total - District Court	18,454,727
Traffic Tribunal	
General Revenues	11,704,985
Workers' Compensation Court	
Restricted Receipts	11,090,756
Grand Total - Judiciary	159,224,433
Military Staff	
General Revenues	3,424,058
Federal Funds	28,982,412
Restricted Receipts	
RI Military Family Relief Fund	55,000
RING Counterdrug Program	11,000
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Aviation Readiness Center	4,538,673
Asset Protection	2,564,675
Quonset Airport Runway Reconstruction	446,663
Counter-Drug Training Facility	1,025,250
Squadron Ops Facility (Air Guard)	600,000
Grand Total - Military Staff	41,647,731
Public Safety	
Central Management	
General Revenues	1,899,154
Provided that \$400,000 shall be allocated to support the Family Service of Rhode Island's GO Team program of on-scene support to children who are victims of violence and other traumas.	
Federal Funds	
Federal Funds	18,479,969
Federal Funds – State Fiscal Recovery Fund	
Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence	29,753
Restricted Receipts	738,584
Total - Central Management	21,147,460
E-911 Emergency Telephone System	
Restricted Receipts	10,730,138
Security Services	
General Revenues	33,685,555
Municipal Police Training Academy	
General Revenues	349,440

Federal Funds	417,455
Total - Municipal Police Training Academy	766,895
State Police	
General Revenues	96,907,970
Federal Funds	8,126,146
Restricted Receipts	2,845,158
Other Funds	
Airport Corporation Assistance	151,310
Road Construction Reimbursement	3,355,100
Weight and Measurement Reimbursement	402,401
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
DPS Asset Protection	1,205,000
Southern Barracks	16,750,000
Training Academy Upgrades	1,550,000
Statewide Communications System Network	245,048
Total - State Police	131,538,133
Grand Total - Public Safety	197,868,181
Office of Public Defender	
General Revenues	18,178,679
Federal Funds	85,035
Grand Total - Office of Public Defender	18,263,714
Emergency Management Agency	
General Revenues	7,457,256
Federal Funds	34,906,616
Restricted Receipts	428,308
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
RI Statewide Communications Infrastructure	315,404
RI Statewide Communications Network Tower	550,000
Grand Total - Emergency Management Agency	43,657,584
Environmental Management	
Office of the Director	
General Revenues	9,446,875
Of this general revenue amount, \$180,000 is appropriated to the conservation districts and \$100,000 is appropriated to the Wildlife Rehabilitators Association of Rhode Island for a veterinarian at the Wildlife Clinic of Rhode Island.	
Federal Funds	354,975
Restricted Receipts	5,930,220
Total - Office of the Director	15,732,070
Natural Resources	
General Revenues	32,325,750
Provided that of this general revenue amount, \$150,000 is to be used for marine mammal response activities in conjunction with matching federal funds.	
Federal Funds	31,528,201
Restricted Receipts	6,185,022
Other Funds	
DOT Recreational Projects	762,000
Blackstone Bike Path Design	1,000,000

Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Dam Repair	6,815,000
Fort Adams Rehabilitation	500,000
Port of Galilee	20,500,000
Newport Pier Upgrades	500,000
Recreation Facilities Asset Protection	750,000
Recreational Facilities Improvements	2,900,000
Natural Resources Office and Visitor's Center	1,836,709
Fish & Wildlife Maintenance Facilities	200,000
Marine Infrastructure/Pier Development	700,000
Total - Natural Resources	106,502,682
Environmental Protection	
General Revenues	16,607,743
Federal Funds	12,825,343
Restricted Receipts	12,660,382
Other Funds	
Transportation MOU	95,967
Total - Environmental Protection	42,189,435
Grand Total - Environmental Management	164,424,187
Coastal Resources Management Council	
General Revenues	3,904,812
Federal Funds	3,331,166
Restricted Receipts	624,768
Other Funds	
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
South Coast Restoration Project	7,000,000
Grand Total - Coastal Resources Mgmt. Council	14,860,746
Transportation	
Central Management	
Federal Funds	13,777,360
Other Funds	
Gasoline Tax	9,004,830
Total - Central Management	22,782,190
Management and Budget	
Other Funds	
Gasoline Tax	3,839,065
Infrastructure Engineering	
Federal Funds	460,804,783
Restricted Receipts	6,066,037
Other Funds	
Gasoline Tax	88,272,135

Provided that of this amount, \$6,500,000 is appropriated to the Municipal Roads Grant Program known as RhodeRestore to provide funding to municipalities for the construction and maintenance of roads, sidewalks, and bridges. Provided that twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds shall be distributed equally to each city and town, and seventy-five percent (75%) shall be allocated proportionally based on each municipality's share of municipally maintained road miles, as determined by the most recent data available from the Rhode Island department of transportation. Provided further that each municipality is required to provide a sixty-seven

percent (67%) match.

Provided that of this amount, sufficient funds from the Rhode Island public transit authority's share of gasoline tax proceeds shall be allocated to the state paratransit program, including the expansion pilot program known as ride anywhere to ensure statewide paratransit services are maintained.

Land Sale Revenue	6,239,422
Tolling Revenue	10,000,000
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Highway Improvement Program	115,617,814
Bike Path Asset Protection	400,000
RIPTA - Land and Buildings	6,905,927
RIPTA - Pawtucket/Central Falls Bus Hub Passenger Facility	1,500,000
RIPTA - Providence High-Capacity Transit Corridor Study	90,000
Total - Infrastructure Engineering	695,896,118

#### Infrastructure Maintenance

#### Other Funds

Gasoline Tax	41,781,096
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The department of transportation will establish a municipal roadway database, which will include information concerning the name, condition, length, roadway infrastructure, and pedestrian features of each municipal roadway, updated annually by municipalities. The database will serve as a comprehensive and transparent list of municipal roadway conditions.

Rhode Island Highway Maintenance Account	114,037,366
Rhode Island Capital Plan Funds	
Maintenance Capital Equipment Replacement	1,800,000
Maintenance Facilities Improvements	859,756
Welcome Center	150,000
Salt Storage Facilities	1,150,000
Train Station Asset Protection	500,000
Total - Infrastructure Maintenance	160,278,218
Grand Total - Transportation	882,795,591

#### Statewide Totals

General Revenues	5,809,363,121
Federal Funds	5,108,485,986
Restricted Receipts	458,544,467
Other Funds	2,959,985,019
Statewide Grand Total	14,336,378,593

SECTION 2. Each line appearing in section 1 of this article shall constitute an appropriation.

SECTION 3. Upon the transfer of any function of a department or agency to another department or agency, the governor is hereby authorized by means of executive order to transfer or reallocate, in whole or in part, the appropriations and the full-time equivalent limits affected thereby; provided, however, in accordance with § 42-6-5, when the duties or administrative functions of government are designated by law to be performed within a particular department or agency, no transfer of duties or functions and no re-allocation, in whole or part, or appropriations and full-time equivalent positions to any other department or agency shall be authorized.

SECTION 4. From the appropriation for contingency shall be paid such sums as may be required at the discretion of the governor to fund expenditures for which appropriations may not exist. Such contingency funds may also be used for expenditures in the several departments and

agencies where appropriations are insufficient, or where such requirements are due to unforeseen conditions or are non-recurring items of an unusual nature. Said appropriations may also be used for the payment of bills incurred due to emergencies or to any offense against public peace and property, in accordance with the provisions of titles 11 and 45, as amended. All expenditures and transfers from this account shall be approved by the governor.

SECTION 5. The general assembly authorizes the state controller to establish the internal service accounts shown below, and no other, to finance and account for the operations of state agencies that provide services to other agencies, institutions and other governmental units on a cost reimbursed basis. The purpose of these accounts is to ensure that certain activities are managed in a businesslike manner; promote efficient use of services by making agencies pay the full costs associated with providing the services; and allocate the costs of central administrative services across all fund types, so that federal and other non-general fund programs share in the costs of general government support. The controller is authorized to reimburse these accounts for the cost of work or services performed for any other department or agency subject to the following expenditure limitations:

Account	Expenditure Limit
State Assessed Fringe Benefit Internal Service Fund	37,255,808
Administration Central Utilities Internal Service Fund	30,366,642
State Central Mail Internal Service Fund	9,020,425
State Telecommunications Internal Service Fund	3,426,061
State Automotive Fleet Internal Service Fund	21,610,397
Surplus Property Internal Service Fund	44,789
Health Insurance Internal Service Fund	272,933,573
Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund	63,854,008
Capitol Police Internal Service Fund	1,659,403
Corrections Central Distribution Center Internal Service Fund	8,679,440
Correctional Industries Internal Service Fund	8,477,292
Secretary of State Record Center Internal Service Fund	1,231,684
Human Resources Internal Service Fund	18,711,878
DCAMM Facilities Internal Service Fund	40,492,965
Information Technology Internal Service Fund	70,587,805

SECTION 6. The director of the department of administration shall exercise his powers under chapter 11 of title 42 to centralize state fleet operations under the department as it relates to light and medium duty vehicle management, in accordance with best practices.

SECTION 7. Legislative Intent - The general assembly may provide a written "statement of legislative intent" signed by the chairperson of the house finance committee and by the chairperson of the senate finance committee to show the intended purpose of the appropriations contained in section 1 of this article. The statement of legislative intent shall be kept on file in the house finance committee and in the senate finance committee.

At least twenty (20) days prior to the issuance of a grant or the release of funds, which grant or funds are listed on the legislative letter of intent, all department, agency, and corporation directors shall notify in writing the chairperson of the house finance committee and the chairperson of the senate finance committee of the approximate date when the funds are to be released or granted.

SECTION 8. Appropriation of Temporary Disability Insurance Funds -- There is hereby appropriated pursuant to §§ 28-39-5 and 28-39-8 all funds required to be disbursed for the benefit payments from the temporary disability insurance fund and temporary disability insurance reserve fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 9. Appropriation of Employment Security Funds -- There is hereby appropriated pursuant to § 28-42-19 all funds required to be disbursed for benefit payments from the employment security fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 10. Appropriation of Lottery Division Funds -- There is hereby appropriated to the lottery division any funds required to be disbursed by the lottery division for the purposes of paying commissions or transfers to the prize fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 11. Appropriation of CollegeBoundSaver Funds - There is hereby appropriated to the office of the general treasurer designated funds received under the collegeboundsaver program for transfer to the division of higher education assistance within the office of the postsecondary commissioner to support student financial aid for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

SECTION 12. Departments and agencies listed below may not exceed the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions shown below in any pay period. Full-time equivalent positions do not include limited period positions or, seasonal or intermittent positions whose scheduled period of employment does not exceed twenty-six consecutive weeks or whose scheduled hours do not exceed nine hundred and twenty-five (925) hours, excluding overtime, in a one-year period. Nor do they include individuals engaged in training, the completion of which is a prerequisite of employment. Provided, however, that the governor or designee, speaker of the house of representatives or designee, and the president of the senate or designee may authorize an adjustment to any limitation. Prior to the authorization, the state budget officer shall make a detailed written recommendation to the governor, the speaker of the house, and the president of the senate. A copy of the recommendation and authorization to adjust shall be transmitted to the chairman of the house finance committee, senate finance committee, the house fiscal advisor, and the senate fiscal advisor.

State employees whose funding is from non-state general revenue funds that are time limited shall receive limited term appointment with the term limited to the availability of non-state general revenue funding source.

#### FY 2026 FTE POSITION AUTHORIZATION

Departments and Agencies	Full-Time Equivalent
Administration	684.6
Provided that no more than 434.1 of the total authorization would be limited to positions that support internal service fund programs.	
Office of Energy Resources	17.0
Business Regulation	155.0
Rhode Island Cannabis Control Commission	26.0
Executive Office of Commerce	5.0
Housing	38.0
Labor and Training	461.7
Revenue	605.5
Legislature	298.5
Office of the Lieutenant Governor	8.0
Office of the Secretary of State	62.0
Office of the General Treasurer	92.0
Board of Elections	13.0
Rhode Island Ethics Commission	12.0
Office of the Governor	45.0
Commission for Human Rights	15.0
Public Utilities Commission	57.0

Executive Office of Health and Human Services	243.0
Children, Youth and Families	713.5
Health	572.6
Human Services	779.0
Office of Veterans Services	267.0
Office of Healthy Aging	33.0
Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals	1,223.4
Provided that 18.0 of the total authorization would be limited to independent facilitators positions to comply with the Consent Decree Addendum.	
Office of the Child Advocate	13.0
Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	4.0
Governor's Commission on Disabilities	5.0
Office of the Mental Health Advocate	6.0
Elementary and Secondary Education	156.1
Provided that 3.0 of the total authorization would be available only for positions that are supported by the healthy environments advance learning grant at the school building authority.	
School for the Deaf	61.0
Davies Career and Technical School	125.0
Office of Postsecondary Commissioner	48.0
Provided that 1.0 of the total authorization would be available only for positions that are supported by third-party funds, 12.0 would be available only for positions at the state's higher education centers located in Woonsocket and Westerly, 10.0 would be available only for positions at the nursing education center, and 9.0 would be available for the longitudinal data systems program.	
University of Rhode Island	2,671.0
Provided that 378.8 of the total authorization would be available only for positions that are supported by third-party funds.	
Rhode Island College	949.2
Provided that 76.0 of the total authorization would be available only for positions that are supported by third-party funds.	
Community College of Rhode Island	849.1
Provided that 89.0 of the total authorization would be available only for positions that are supported by third-party funds.	
Rhode Island State Council on the Arts	10.0
RI Atomic Energy Commission	8.6
Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission	15.6
Office of the Attorney General	268.1
Corrections	1,461.0
Judicial	749.3
Military Staff	93.0
Emergency Management Agency	38.0
Public Safety	634.0
Office of the Public Defender	104.0
Environmental Management	439.0
Coastal Resources Management Council	32.0
Transportation	755.0
Total	15,921.8
No agency or department may employ contracted employee services where contract	



employees would work under state employee supervisors without determination of need by the director of administration acting upon positive recommendations by the budget officer and the personnel administrator and fifteen (15) days after a public hearing.

Nor may any agency or department contract for services replacing work done by state employees at that time without determination of need by the director of administration acting upon the positive recommendations of the state budget officer and the personnel administrator and thirty (30) days after a public hearing.

SECTION 13. The amounts reflected in this article include the appropriation of Rhode Island capital plan funds for fiscal year 2026 and supersede appropriations provided for FY 2026 within Pub. L. 2024, ch. 117, art. 1, § 13.

The following amounts are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State's Rhode Island capital plan fund not otherwise appropriated to be expended during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2027, June 30, 2028, June 30, 2029, and June 30, 2030. These amounts supersede appropriations provided within Pub. L. 2024, ch. 117, art. 1, § 13.

For the purposes and functions hereinafter mentioned, the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw the controller's orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of such sums and such portions thereof as may be required by the controller upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

Project	FY Ending 06/30/2027	FY Ending 06/30/2028	FY Ending 06/30/2029	FY Ending 06/30/2030
DOA – Civic Center	1,250,000	1,075,000	1,500,000	1,475,000
DOA – DoIT Enterprise Operations Center	3,700,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
DOA – Group Homes Consolidation	4,325,000	4,426,000	5,450,000	5,650,000
DOA – Pastore Campus Infrastructure	15,000,000	15,000,000	10,000,000	20,000,000
DOA – Pastore Hospital Buildings				
Asset Protection	1,000,000	1,250,000	2,150,000	2,500,000
DOA – Pastore Center Power Plant	3,500,000	0	0	0
DOA – RI Convention Center Authority	2,825,000	2,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
DOA – Shepard Building Upgrades	3,920,000	3,785,000	3,785,000	4,540,000
DOA – State House Renovations	17,379,000	16,000,000	31,940,000	8,309,000
DOA – Veterans Auditorium	275,000	150,000	100,000	100,000
DOA – William Powers Building	2,350,000	1,850,000	1,700,000	200,000
DOA – Zambarano LTAC Hospital	23,804,439	24,427,656	24,155,740	26,065,740
DBR – Fire Academy Expansion	962,000	0	0	0
EOC – I-195 Redevelopment Commission	700,000	700,000	0	0
EOC – Quonset Infrastructure	2,500,000	0	0	0
SOS – Rhode Island Archives and History Center	4,500,000	0	0	0
DCYF – Residential Treatment Facilities	4,000,000	0	0	0
ELSEC – Davies School Wing Renovation	2,500,000	0	0	0
URI – Asset Protection	15,236,863	15,528,074	15,885,220	16,250,580
URI – Mechanical, Electric and Plumbing Improvements	4,542,055	2,350,000	0	0
URI – Building Envelope Improvements	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000
URI – Campus Accessibility	1,700,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
URI – Athletics Complex	20,779,251	0	0	0
URI – Bay Campus Phase II	16,853,278	0	0	0
URI – PFAS Removal Water Treatment Plant	780,269	0	0	0

RIC – Asset Protection	6,500,000	6,632,000	6,850,000	6,850,000
RIC – Infrastructure Modernization	5,675,000	5,925,000	5,925,000	6,061,275
CCRI – Asset Protection	3,369,452	2,780,000	2,870,000	2,936,010
CCRI – Data, Cabling, and Power Infrastructure	5,250,885	4,150,000	2,394,000	0
CCRI – Flanagan Campus Renovations	3,600,505	2,500,000	584,000	0
CCRI – Renovation and Modernization Phase I	13,499,928	7,000,000	2,785,000	0
CCRI – Renovation and Modernization Phase II-IV	2,400,000	600,000	0	0
DOC – HVAC	4,976,281	0	0	0
DOC – Correctional Facilities - Renovations	7,419,248	0	0	0
Military Staff – Asset Protection	1,801,639	1,598,858	2,424,420	1,662,463
Military Staff – Aviation Readiness Center	7,603,990	0	0	0
DPS – Training Academy Upgrades	695,000	690,000	475,000	600,000
DEM – Dam Repair	6,651,030	6,015,000	1,015,000	1,015,000
DEM – Natural Resources Offices and Visitor's Center	1,836,709	0	0	0
DEM – Port of Galilee	17,413,820	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
DEM – Recreational Facilities Improvements	3,338,551	3,260,000	2,750,000	2,500,000
CRMC – Confined Aquatic Dredged Material Disposal Cells	11,380,000	0	0	0
DOT – Highway Improvement Program	44,200,000	22,200,000	22,200,000	22,200,000
DOT – Maintenance Capital Equipment Replacement	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000
DOT – Salt Storage Facilities	1,150,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
DOT – RIPTA - Land and Buildings	7,558,492	3,162,119	3,162,119	812,500

SECTION 14. Reappropriation of Funding for Rhode Island capital plan fund projects. Any unexpended and unencumbered funds from Rhode Island capital plan fund project appropriations shall be reappropriated in the ensuing fiscal year and made available for the same purpose. However, any such reappropriations are subject to final approval by the general assembly as part of the supplemental appropriations act. Any unexpended funds of less than five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be reappropriated at the discretion of the state budget officer.

SECTION 15. For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026, the Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation shall provide from its resources such sums as appropriate in support of the Neighborhood Opportunities Program. The corporation shall provide a report detailing the amount of funding provided to this program, as well as information on the number of units of housing provided as a result to the director of administration, the secretary of housing, the chair of the house finance committee, the chair of the senate finance committee, and the state budget officer.

SECTION 16. Appropriation of Economic Activity Taxes in accordance with the city of Pawtucket downtown redevelopment statute -- There is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, all state economic activity taxes to be collected pursuant to § 45-33.4-4, as amended (including, but not limited to, the amount of tax revenues certified by the commerce corporation in accordance with § 45-33.4-1(13)), for the purposes of paying debt service on bonds, funding debt service reserves; paying costs of infrastructure improvements in and around the ballpark district, arts district, and the growth center district; funding future debt service on bonds; and funding a redevelopment revolving fund established in accordance with § 45-33-1.

SECTION 17. The appropriations from federal funds contained in section 1 shall not be construed to mean any federal funds or assistance appropriated, authorized, allocated or

apportioned to the State of Rhode Island from the state fiscal recovery fund and capital projects fund enacted pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2 for fiscal year 2026 except for those instances specifically designated.

The State fiscal recovery fund and capital projects fund appropriations herein shall be made in support of the following projects:

Federal Funds - State Fiscal Recovery Fund

Department of Administration (DOA)

DOA- Pandemic Recovery Office. These funds shall be allocated to finance the pandemic recovery office established within the department of administration.

Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)

EOHHS - Certified Community Behavioral Clinics. These funds shall be allocated to a program to support certified community behavioral health clinics to bolster behavioral health supports, medical screening and monitoring, and social services to particularly vulnerable populations in response to a rise in mental health needs during the public health emergency.

Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (BHDDH)

BHDDH – 9-8-8 Hotline. These funds shall be allocated for the creation and operation of a 9-8-8 hotline to maintain compliance with the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020 and the Federal Communications Commission-adopted rules to assure that all citizens receive a consistent level of 9-8-8 and crisis behavioral health services.

Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ELSEC)

RIDE - Adult Education Providers. These funds shall be directly distributed through the office of adult education to nonprofit adult education providers to expand access to educational programs and literary services.

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

DPS – Support for Survivors of Domestic Violence. These funds shall be allocated to invest in the nonprofit community to provide additional housing, clinical and mental health services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. This includes increased investments for therapy and counseling, housing assistance, job training, relocation aid and case management.

Federal Funds - Capital Projects Fund

Department of Administration (DOA)

DOA - CPF Administration. These funds shall be allocated to the department of administration to oversee the implementation of the capital projects fund award from the American Rescue Plan Act.

SECTION 18. Reappropriation of Funding for State Fiscal Recovery Fund and Capital Projects Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of general law, any unexpended and unencumbered federal funds from the state fiscal recovery fund and capital projects fund shall be reappropriated in the ensuing fiscal year and made available for the same purposes. However, any such reappropriations are subject to final approval by the general assembly as part of the supplemental appropriations act.

SECTION 19. The pandemic recovery office shall monitor the progress and performance of all programs financed by the state fiscal recovery fund and the capital projects fund. On or before October 31, 2023 through April 30, 2025, the office shall provide a report to the speaker of the house and senate president, with copies to the chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees, on a quarterly basis and biannually thereafter until and including October 31, 2026, identifying programs that are at risk of significant underspending or noncompliance with federal or state requirements. The report, at a minimum must include an assessment of how programs that are at risk can be remedied. In the event that any state fiscal recovery fund program

underspends its appropriation or receives program income as defined by U.S. Treasury and would put the state at risk of forfeiture of federal funds, the governor may propose to reclassify unspent funds or program income from the at-risk program to other eligible uses as determined by U.S. Treasury. This proposal shall be referred to the general assembly. For a state fiscal recovery fund program, if the amount of the underspend or receipt of program income is less than or equal to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and less than or equal to twenty percent (20%) of its total appropriation, the governor's proposed reclassification shall take effect immediately. For a state fiscal recovery fund program, if the amount of the underspend or receipt of program income is greater than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or greater than twenty percent (20%) of its total appropriation, the governor's proposed reclassification shall go into effect thirty (30) days after its referral to the general assembly by the governor, unless rejected by formal action of the house and senate acting concurrently within that time.

SECTION 20. Notwithstanding any general laws to the contrary, the Rhode Island student loan authority shall transfer to the state controller by June 30, 2026, the sum of two million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$2,900,000).

SECTION 21. Notwithstanding any general laws to the contrary, the state controller shall transfer the sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Fund by June 30, 2026.

SECTION 22. Notwithstanding any general laws to the contrary, the state controller shall transfer the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) to the housing resources and homelessness restricted receipt account by June 30, 2026.

SECTION 23. The general assembly makes the following findings:

(1) Federal disbursements play a significant role in the financial management of Rhode Island's overall budget and revenues;

(2) With pending federal legislative proposals, uncertainty exists regarding projected future federal disbursements to Rhode Island;

(3) Potential federal tax actions, actions related to Medicare/Medicaid programs, and actions related to grants could all pose significant state budget challenges in fiscal year 2026 and thereafter;

(4) In order to be prepared to address these potential challenges, it is in the best interest of the State to convene advisory working groups to inform any budget changes that may be necessitated by federal actions; and

(5) It is further in the best interest of the State for the Office of Management and Budget, in coordination with other state agencies, to develop options for consideration by the general assembly;

Therefore, the general assembly respectfully requests the administration to convene an advisory group, as set forth in Article 5, § 3, to assist in the review and analysis of federal tax actions; to appoint an advisory group, as set forth in Article 8, § 8, to assist in the review and analysis of federal actions related to Medicare/Medicaid; and to monitor the status of federal grants and develop options for the general assembly to address federal funding changes, as set forth in Article 3, § 7.

SECTION 24. This article shall take effect as of July 1, 2025, except as otherwise provided herein."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Abney

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Chairman Abney discusses the amendment.

The motion to amend prevails on a roll call vote, 73 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 73: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Potter, Quattrocchi, Read, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Newberry, seconded by Minority Whip Place, Representatives Fascia, Quattrocchi, Nardone and Roberts offer a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 1 on page 9, line 32, by deleting the language "5,975,167" and inserting in place thereof the language "16,975,167".

2. In Article 1 on page 10, line 1, after the word "Challenge" by inserting the following language: "provided that \$1,000,000 be allocated to The Economic Progress Institute, \$1,000,000 to Rhode Island Kids Count, \$1,000,000 for the Arthur E. Coia Scholarship & Education Fund at the Laborers' International Union of North America, \$1,000,000 to the Women's Fund of Rhode Island, \$1,000,000 to Progreso Latino, \$1,000,000 to the United Way of Rhode Island, \$1,000,000 to the Rhode Island Dental Association to support pediatric dental care in the City of Providence, \$1,000,000 to the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of

Cruelty to Animals, \$1,000,000 to Save the Bay, \$1,000,000 to Crossroads Rhode Island, and \$1,000,000 to Sojourner House."

3. In Article 1 on page 10, line 21, by deleting the language "15,291,522" and by inserting in place thereof the language "26,291,522".

4. In Article 1 on page 26, line 21, by deleting the language "23,147,524" and inserting in place thereof the language "17,647,524".

5. In Article 1 on page 26, line 24, by deleting the language "28,647,621", and inserting in place thereof the language "23,147,621".

6 In Article 1 on page 26, line 26, by deleting the language "7,301,706", and inserting in place thereof the language "1,801,706".

7. In Article 1 on page 26, line 29, by deleting the language "12,125,944", and inserting in place thereof the language "6,625,944".

8. In Article 1 on page 27, line 7, by deleting the language "52,487,807", and inserting in place thereof the language "41,487,807".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Newberry

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Representative Newberry, Minority Leader Chippendale, Representatives Felix, Nardone and Majority Leader Blazejewski discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote, 13 members voting in the affirmative and 60 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 13: Representatives Brien, Chippendale, Fascia, Felix, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

NAYS - 60: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Paplauskas, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale and Representative Lima offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 1, page 32, line 5, by deleting the numeral "2,900,000" and inserting in place thereof the numeral "1,900,000".

2. In Article 1, page 32, between lines 5 and 6, by inserting the language:  
"Meshanticut Lake Paved Walking Path \$1,000,000".

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Paplauskas

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Representatives Paplauskas, Lima, Majority Whip Kazarian and Representative Carson discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote, 12 members voting in the affirmative and 59 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 12: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Lima, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

NAYS - 59: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, Representative Roberts, seconded by Minority Whip Place, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 1, page 26, line 26, by deleting the language "7,301,706" and inserting in place thereof the language "6,801,706".

2. In Article 1, page 26, line 29, by deleting the language "12,125,944" and inserting in place thereof the language "11,625,944".

3. In Article 1, page 31, line 3, by deleting the language "18,178,679" and inserting in place thereof the language "18,678,679".

4. In Article 1, page 31, line 5, by deleting the language "18,263,714" and inserting in place thereof the language "18,763,714".

5. In Article 1, page 38, line 23, by deleting the language "104.0" and inserting in place thereof the language "108.0".

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Chippendale

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Representatives Roberts, Slater, Minority Whip Place, Representative Sanchez, Minority Leader Chippendale and Representative Knight discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote, 16 members voting in the affirmative and 58 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 16: Representatives Brien, Chippendale, Fascia, Felix, Hopkins, Hull, Lombardi, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Perez, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci.

NAYS - 58: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Potter, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

Representatives Newberry, Sanchez, Morales and Nardone discuss the amended article.



By unanimous consent, Representative Lima, seconded by Representatives Perez and Costantino, offers a written motion to amend.

**FLOOR AMENDMENT  
TO  
2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A**

**AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026**

Mr. Speaker:

I hereby move to amend 2025 -- H 5076 SUBSTITUTE A, entitled "AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026", as follows:

1. In Article 1, page 34, between lines 3 and 4, by inserting the following language:

"Provided, that of this amount to transportation, the sum of \$125,000,000 is appropriated to the general fund for further public use."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Lima

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Representatives Lima, Deputy Majority Whip Ackerman and Representative Newberry discuss the amendment.

The motion to amend fails on a roll call vote, 4 members voting in the affirmative and 70 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 4: Representatives Lima, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

NAYS - 70: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Fascia, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Paplauskas, Phillips, Place, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Santucci, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

RECUSED - 0:

Representative Tanzi continues the discussion on the amended act.

**Article 1, as amended**, prevails on a roll call vote, 64 members voting in the affirmative and 11 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 64: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 11: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Hopkins, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Sanchez, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

#### **ARTICLE 14 RELATING TO EFFECTIVE DATE**

Chairman Abney moves passage of the article, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Abney discusses the article.

**Article 14** prevails on a roll call vote, 65 members voting in the affirmative and 8 members voting in the negative, as follows:

YEAS - 65: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 8: Representatives Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

Chairman Abney moves passage of **2025-H 5076 SUB A**, as amended, seconded by Majority Leader Blazejewski.

Chairman Abney discussed the Budget as amended.

**The Budget 2025-H 5076 SUB A**, as amended, is read and passed and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 9 members voting in the negative as follows:

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Shekarchi and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Azzinaro, Baginski, Batista, Bennett, Biah, Blazejewski, Boylan, Brien, Caldwell, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Cotter, Craven, Cruz, Dawson, DeSimone, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Felix, Fellela, Finkelman, Fogarty, Furtado, Giraldo, Handy, Hopkins, Hull, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McGaw, McNamara, Messier, Morales, Noret, O'Brien, Perez, Phillips, Potter, Read, Sanchez, Serpa, Shallcross Smith, Shanley, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Spears, Stewart, Tanzi, Voas.

NAYS - 9: Representatives Chippendale, Fascia, Nardone, Newberry, Paplauskas, Place, Quattrocchi, Roberts, Santucci.

RECUSED - 0:

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

#### **House Resolution No. 6420**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONDOLENCES {LC3059/1}

06/17/2025 House read and passed

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

#### **House Resolution No. 6421**

**BY** Blazejewski, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONGRATULATIONS {LC3058/1}

Majority Leader Blazejewski requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Minority Leader Chippendale sincerely appreciates Chairman Abney, House Fiscal Advisor Sharon Reynolds Ferland, and the entire Fiscal Staff for their tireless work and unwavering dedication throughout the budget process.

He also wishes to thank Speaker Shekarchi and Majority Leader Blazejewski for their kindness, professionalism, and respectful handling of the budget process. In particular, he is grateful for Speaker Shekarchi's open-door policy and his consistent willingness to engage in thoughtful, productive discussions on the issues that matter most.

As a freshman legislator, Representative Hopkins sincerely thanks Speaker Shekarchi and Majority Leader Blazejewski for their leadership and involvement throughout the budget process.

Entering her first session in the House of Representatives, Representative Hopkins expresses the positive experience, learning from colleagues on both sides of the aisle. She is especially proud of the work on Article 8 and looks forward to returning to her district to share these important updates with her constituents.

Speaker Shekarchi and Majority Leader Blazejewski extend their deepest thanks to Chairman Abney, House Fiscal Advisor Sharon Reynolds Ferland, and the entire House Fiscal Staff for their tireless dedication and professionalism throughout the budget process.

They also recognize and sincerely appreciate Director of House Policy Lynne Urbani for her critical role in shaping policy and ensuring its integration within the budget framework, as well as Senior Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Kavanagh, whose commitment and talent are evident in his presence at every budget meeting and his invaluable contributions behind the scenes. Their collective efforts have been essential to this year's successful and collaborative process.

Speaker Shekarchi is proud to share some exciting news. Tonight, marks a special milestone for one of our exceptional House Page, Sean Aguirre! Sean, a junior at South Kingstown High School, will be embarking on a new adventure this summer as a Page for United States Senator Jack Reed in Washington, D.C. This remarkable opportunity comes following a recommendation by Chairwoman McEntee and reflects Sean's outstanding dedication, work ethic, and potential. We wish him all the best in this next chapter and know he will represent the State of Rhode Island with pride and excellence, and look forward to seeing him return next year for session.

Majority Leader Blazejewski announces that the House will be in session tomorrow, Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. Eight committees will meet before session at staggered times beginning at 3:00 p.m. Please be sure to check your committee calendars.

There will be no session on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, to observe Juneteenth.

The House will reconvene on Friday, June 20, 2025, for what is anticipated to be the final day of session. We kindly ask all members to remain patient throughout the day, as the process may be lengthy. As a reminder, guests are not permitted on the floor for the remainder of the session.

### TRANSMITTAL

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to His Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State forthwith.

(For Transmittals to Governor, see Appendix of this Journal.)

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Honorable Senate transmits with announcement of passage, of the following measures:

**Senate Bill No. 122 SUB A**

**BY** Kallman, Bissaillon, DiMario, Mack, Gu, Urso, Pearson, Lawson, Vargas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING LAND BANK PROGRAM (Establishes a program operated by the Rhode Island housing and mortgage finance corporation called the "housing land bank" to create affordable housing in RI with the authority to buy, receive, and hold real property for housing development.) {LC177/A/2}

06/17/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/18/2025)

**Senate Bill No. 679**

**BY** Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND FOREST PARITY ACT (Creates a new motor vehicle registration for "forestry vehicles" also provides that forest product operations are permitted uses within all zoning districts of a municipality except where prohibited.) {LC963/1}

06/17/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/18/2025)

**House Bill No. 5108 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Solomon, Casimiro, Cruz, McNamara, Lombardi, Ackerman, Cortvriend, Biah, McGaw, Marszalkowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Allows foreign trained physicians limited license to practice in Rhode Island under specific conditions.) {LC280/A/1}

06/17/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/18/2025)

**Senate Bill No. 347 SUB A as amended**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Urso, Murray, Lauria, Thompson, LaMountain, Appollonio, DiMario, Valverde, DiPalma, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE (Allows foreign trained physicians limited license to practice in Rhode Island under specific conditions.) {LC617/A/1}

06/17/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/18/2025)

**House Bill No. 5222 as amended****BY** Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Azzinaro, Casey, Casimiro**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT (Establishes concurrent jurisdiction between the Rhode Island Family Court and the Federal Government for the purposes of adjudicating minors who have allegedly committed a crime while residing on a military installation located in Rhode Island.) {LC951/1}

06/17/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/18/2025)

**House Bill No. 5163 SUB A****BY** McNamara, Cotter, Solomon, Potter, Carson, Ackerman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM (Provides that the commissioner of elementary and secondary education directs all local education agencies to select one of the identified high-quality curricula and materials for science and technology no later than June 30, 2026.) {LC512/A/1}

06/17/2025 Placed on House Calendar (06/18/2025)

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES  
COMMITTEE ON CORPORATIONS**

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Corporations, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5104 SUB A****BY** Corvese, O'Brien, Slater, Kislak, Hull, Phillips, DeSimone, Brien, Biah, Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING (Forbids a motor vehicle liability insurance carrier from considering the zip code of where an insured lives for purposes of calculating their policy premium.) {LC312/A/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5555 SUB A****BY** Brien, Serpa, Lima, Baginski, Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE (Authorizes veterinarians to establish a client-patient relationship through electronic means, subject to limitations and requirements such as Vet making a good faith effort to determine if care should be provided through telemedicine instead of in person.) {LC1865/A/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5590****BY** Solomon, Casey, Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS (Extends certain protocols applicable to motor vehicle manufacturers to their distributors and factory branches, as well as updates warranty reimbursement and recall obligation policies.) {LC1309/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 6032 SUB A****BY** Voas, Casey, DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE (Requires at fault insurance companies to provide to any claimant whose vehicle is damaged in an accident, to provide a vehicle that is comparable to the claimant's vehicle and that rental charges shall be based on local retail prices.) {LC2280/A/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Education, reports back the following measures, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5422 SUB A****BY** Carson, Kislak, Fogarty, Cotter, McGaw, Donovan, Speakman, Tanzi, Cortvriend, Boylan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL (Amends the certain provisions relative to school waste recycling and refuse disposal and requires reports of waste audits by educational entities and reports of program participation by vendors.) {LC286/A/2}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5594 SUB A****BY** DeSimone, Biah, Slater, Kazarian, Hull, O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Requires the board of regents to adopt support and intervention strategies consistent with Comprehensive Education Strategy and SALT in one district at a time.) {LC1690/A/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Chairman Bennett, for the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5493 SUB A****BY** Kislak, Carson, Spears, Handy, Speakman, McGaw, Boylan, Fogarty, Potter, McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING DECARBONIZATION ACT OF 2025 (Establishes a program for the energy and water

benchmarking of large buildings in Rhode Island and a standard for their energy performance.) {LC1267/A/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 6207 SUB A**

**BY** McEntee, Knight, Bennett, Boylan, Carson, McGaw, Cortvriend, Donovan, Handy, Kazarian **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR A REDEMPTION AND RECYCLING PLAN (Provides extended producer responsibility for packaging and paper, recycling of beverage containers, and provides general provisions for oversight of single-stage producer organizations.) {LC2622/A/2}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chairman Abney for the Committee on Finance reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5078**

**BY** Corvese, Azzinaro, Solomon, O'Brien, Slater, Kislak, Noret, Read, Kennedy, Hull **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (Provides that licensed independent clinical social workers be able to enroll and bill Medicaid directly for covered services provided to adults with Medicaid fee-for-service coverage.) {LC309/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5464 SUB A**

**BY** Tanzi, Chippendale, McGaw, Edwards, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Fogarty, Hull, Blazejewski, Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT (Repeals the exemption granted to pari-mutuel facilities and casinos from the smoke free workplace requirement and provides for a one time appropriate of \$1,000,000 to inform patrons of the smoke free policy within the casino.) {LC856/A/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5534 SUB A**

**BY** McGaw, Fogarty, Batista, Sanchez, Hull, Diaz, Giraldo, Stewart, Fellela, Boylan **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION (Exempts certain urban and small farmers from sales taxes, real, tangible and personal property taxes and income taxes. This act would also define urban and small farmers and urban farmland.) {LC1568/A/2}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 6071 SUB A**

(General Treasurer)

**BY** Giraldo, Stewart, Voas, Potter, Alzate, Felix, Tanzi, Solomon, Kislak, Diaz **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND BABY



BOND TRUST (This pilot program would create a \$3,000 trust for each Rhode Island child ages zero to one year born to a family enrolled in the Rhode Island Works Program (“RI Works”) during the preceding calendar year.) {LC1696/A/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chairman McNamara, for the Committee on Health and Human Services, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5494 SUB A**

(OHIC)

**BY** Fogarty, Donovan, Hull, Spears, Carson, Bennett, Dawson, Noret, Handy, Kazarian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT

INSURANCE POLICIES (Adds several consumer protections to existing Medicare Supplement law.) {LC1358/A/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**Senate Bill No. 610 SUB B**

(OHIC)

**BY** Lawson, Tikoian, Murray, Lauria, Britto, Burke, Bissaillon, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT

INSURANCE POLICIES (Adds several consumer protections to existing Medicare Supplement law.) {LC1359/B/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Chairman Craven, for the Committee on Judiciary, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 5220**

**BY** Ajello, Morales, Cruz, Stewart, Felix, Batista, Biah, Knight, Alzate, Diaz

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-- POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015 (Amends the comprehensive community-police relationship act of 2015 to require an annual study by an outside agency chosen by the department.) {LC442/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

**House Bill No. 5364 SUB A**

**BY** Hull, Biah, O'Brien, Azzinaro, Bennett

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE

FACILITIES (Amends notice requirements for self-storage facility before perfecting lien, to wit; 7 consecutive days of publication on a publicly accessible website or subsequent written notice

to lessee, or publication once time in newspaper of general circulation.) {LC1074/A/1}  
06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

### **COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING**

Chairman Solomon, for the Committee on Municipal Government, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 6409**

**BY** Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES (Authorizes the town of Glocester to levy a supplemental tax, by voter referendum, that exceeds the current tax cap by three percent (3%) for fiscal year 2026, to fund school operations and avoid the loss of critical town services.) {LC3054/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

### **COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS**

Chairman Shanley, for the Committee on State Government and Elections, reports back the following measure, with recommendation of passage:

**House Bill No. 6126 SUB A**

**BY** Finkelman, Cortvriend, Dawson, Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Reforms the composition of the coastal resources management council to seven (7) members.) {LC2481/A/1}

06/18/2025 Placed on House Calendar

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**House Bill No. 6422**

**BY** Santucci

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE POLICIES (Requires every individual or group health insurance contract, plan, or policy to provide coverage for at least one type of buprenorphine for each form of administration.) {LC3061/1}

06/17/2025 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

**House Bill No. 6423**

**BY** Messier, Furtado

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Increases the role of the DMV in the voter registration and address verification process, by establishing very specific obligations and responsibilities that must be followed before offering an individual an application to register to vote.) {LC3069/1}

06/17/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:24 o'clock P.M., on motion of Majority Leader Blazejewski, seconded by Minority Leader Chippendale, the House adjourns, on a unanimous voice vote.

**Diane M. DePina**  
**Recording Clerk**

**APPENDIX****INVOCATION****REPRESENTATIVE JOHN G. EDWARDS**

Gracious God, as we gather today to make decisions that affect so many, we ask for a spirit of unity to be present. Help us to put aside our personal differences and work together in harmony towards a common goal of justice for all those who reside in our great state. Amen.

**APPENDIX****TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR****Senate Bill No. 16 SUB A****BY** Gu, Zurier, DiPalma, Burke, Urso, Bell, Gallo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY

TRANSMISSIONS (Creates a process for licensure/oversight by DBR over the practices/procedures of virtual currency kiosk operators to prevent fraud related to the use of virtual currency kiosks, by establishing daily transaction limits and regulation of fees.)

{LC562/A/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 155****BY** Raptakis, Gallo, Tikoian, Urso, Euer, Bissaillon, Appollonio, Dimitri, Thompson, Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Empowers the division of motor vehicles to make available special motor vehicle registration plates for the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.) {LC77/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 191****BY** Mack, Zurier, Bissaillon, Ciccone, Bell, Kallman, Quezada**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO

TAXATION (Exempts from taxation the real and tangible personal property of PROJECT Weber/RENEW, a Rhode Island domestic nonprofit corporation.) {LC862/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 198****BY** Gallo, DiPalma, Tikoian, LaMountain, Murray, Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL

THERAPISTS (Permits physical therapists to continue to order diagnostic imaging as an authorized practice of physical therapy beyond December 31, 2025.) {LC1154/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 324****BY** DiMario, Dimitri, Mack, Sosnowski, Britto, Vargas, Acosta, Valverde, Zurier, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY (Creates a public education program on methods to recycle textiles.) {LC959/1}

05/29/2025 Placed on Senate Calendar (06/03/2025)

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 599**

(Division of Public Utilities &amp; Carriers)

**BY** Sosnowski, Murray, Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC

UTILITIES COMMISSION (Increases the public utilities reserve fund cap and the cap on

expenses relating to the public utilities commission and the division of public utilities and carriers representing the state before federal agencies.) {LC1349/1}  
06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 601 SUB A**

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

**BY** Britto, McKenney, Sosnowski, Gu, Felag, LaMountain, DiPalma, Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Increases the penalties for public utilities for violations of the general law governing the duties of utilities and carriers.) {LC1351/A/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 626**

(CRMC)

**BY** Gu, Kallman, McKenney, Urso, DiMario, Britto, Sosnowski

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Requires municipalities to maintain and update a list of CRMC designated rights-of-way to tidal areas in their municipality.) {LC1772/1}

6/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 636**

(Dept. of Education)

**BY** Ujifusa, Murray, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Mack, McKenney, Gallo, Zurier, LaMountain, DiMario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES (Amends the definitions of a “pupil transportation vehicle” to a vehicle contrasted to seat not more than ten (10) passengers plus the operator, rather than the existing limit of eight (8) passengers.) {LC1325/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 721**

**BY** Bissaillon, Ciccone, Mack, Bell, Quezada

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COMMISSION -- CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION (Repeals legislation establishing the Capital Center Commission, which is a special development district commission for downtown Providence.) {LC1616/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 744 SUB A**

**BY** Thompson, LaMountain, Murray, McKenney, Ciccone, Appollonio, Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- CORROSION PREVENTION AND MITIGATION WORK REQUIREMENTS (Gives authority to the department of labor and training to enforce violations of the laws relating to corrosion prevention and mitigation work requirements. It also adds civil monetary penalties for violations of those laws.) {LC1625/A/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 756****BY** Bell, Mack**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

(Allows for the issuance of a Class BV liquor license for the property located at 865 Westminster Street in the city of Providence.) {LC1113/1}

05/07/2025 Referred to House Municipal Government &amp; Housing

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 980 SUB A****BY** DiMario, Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS

(Increases the landing fee for the town of New Shoreham from fifty cents (\$.50) to one dollar (\$1.00).) {LC2721/A/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1047**

(Governor)

**BY** Dimitri, Tikoian, de la Cruz**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INVESTMENTS BY DOMESTIC

INSURANCE COMPANIES (Repeals § 27-11.1-3 to eliminate the ten percent (10%) limitation on Schedule BA assets.) {LC2899/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1060 SUB A****BY** Ciccone, Burke, Patalano, Tikoian, Raptakis**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS'

COMPENSATION -- GENERAL PROVISIONS (Clarifies several workers' compensation court authority for injuries to sworn employees (police/fire).) {LC2841/A/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1062****BY** Felag, Raptakis, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Euer**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- PERMANENT JOINT

COMMITTEE ON NAMING ALL NEW BUILDINGS, BRIDGES, EDIFICES AND OTHER

STATE CONSTRUCTIONS (Renames the East Bay Bike Path Bridge, located in the Town of Warren, the Cpl. Richard C. Brule Bridge.) {LC2890/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 1126****BY** Burke

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$71,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS (Authorizes the town of West Warwick to issue not more than \$71,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.) {LC3015/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

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06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 599**

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

**BY** Sosnowski, Murray, Britto

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (Increases the public utilities reserve fund cap and the cap on expenses relating to the public utilities commission and the division of public utilities and carriers representing the state before federal agencies.) {LC1349/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**Senate Bill No. 601 SUB A**

(Division of Public Utilities & Carriers)

**BY** Britto, McKenney, Sosnowski, Gu, Felag, LaMountain, DiPalma, Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- DUTIES OF UTILITIES AND CARRIERS (Increases the penalties for public utilities for violations of the general law governing the duties of utilities and carriers.) {LC1351/A/1}

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(CRMC)

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**BY** Thompson, LaMountain, Murray, McKenney, Ciccone, Appollonio, Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- CORROSION

PREVENTION AND MITIGATION WORK REQUIREMENTS (Gives authority to the department of labor and training to enforce violations of the laws relating to corrosion prevention and mitigation work requirements. It also adds civil monetary penalties for violations of those laws.) {LC1625/A/1}

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06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

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06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

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**BY** Felag, Raptakis, Appollonio, Lauria, Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Euer

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06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

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**BY** Burke

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AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN  
AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS

(Authorizes the town of West Warwick to issue not more than \$71,000,000 bonds and notes to  
finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of  
schools and school facilities.) {LC3015/1}

06/17/2025 Transmitted to Governor

**APPENDIX****CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025:****1. 2025-H 5421 SUB A****BY** Noret**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**2. 2025-S 568 SUB A****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**3. 2025-H 5679 SUB A****BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
PAYMENT OF WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**4. 2025-S 70 SUB A****BY** Acosta**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS --  
PAYMENT OF WAGES

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**5. 2025-H 6244 SUB A****BY** Donovan**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF  
HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**6. 2025-H 5298 SUB A**

**BY** Kislak

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**7. 2025-H 5869 SUB A**

**BY** Stewart

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**8. 2025-S 602 SUB A**

**BY** Zurier

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**9. 2025-H 5432 SUB A**

**BY** Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**10. 2025-H 5634 SUB A**

**BY** J. Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**11. 2025-S 114 SUB A**

**BY** Valverde

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DEFENDING AFFORDABLE PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**12. 2025-H 6118 SUB A**

**BY** Tanzi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**13. 2025-S 263 SUB A**

**BY** DiMario

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS  
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**14. 2025-H 6384**

**BY** Dawson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends passage.

**15. 2025-H 5622 SUB A**

**BY** Hopkins

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
INTERSTATE MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**16. 2025-H 6173 SUB A**

**BY** Serpa

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --  
RHODE ISLAND ANTI-BID-RIGGING ACT

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**17. 2025-H 6120 SUB A**

**BY** Batista

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT  
CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**18. 2025-H 6212 SUB A**

**BY** Baginski

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL  
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- GIFT CARD FRAUD**

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**19. 2025-H 6089 SUB A**

**BY** O'Brien

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --  
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**20. 2025-S 559 SUB A**

**BY** Dimitri

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --  
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS**

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**21. 2025-H 6385 SUB A**

**BY** Blazejewski

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATUTES AND STATUTORY  
CONSTRUCTION**

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**22. 2025-H 5184 SUB A**

**BY** Shallcross Smith

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL  
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**23. 2025-S 169 SUB A**

**BY** Bissaillon

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL  
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES**

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**24. 2025-H 6406**

**BY** Batista

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016**

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**25. 2025-H 5506 SUB A**

**BY** Craven

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT -- EMPLOYEE FREE SPEECH RIGHTS**

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**26. 2025-H 5187 SUB A**

**BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT**

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**27. 2025-S 124 SUB B**

**BY** Ciccone

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT**

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and the Substitute A and passage of Substitute B.

**28. 2025-H 6066 SUB A**

**BY** Giraldo

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE -- GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Committee on Labor recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**29. 2025-H 6093 SUB A**

**BY** Cortvriend

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**30. 2025-H 6291 SUB A**

**BY** Donovan

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO**



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Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**31. 2025-H 6388****BY Slater****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- VIDEO LOTTERY GAMES, TABLE GAMES AND SPORTS WAGERING

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**32. 2025-H 5098 SUB A****BY Cotter****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**33. 2025-H 5831****BY Hopkins****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- SENIOR SAVINGS PROTECTION ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**34. 2025-H 6079 SUB A****BY Baginski****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE -- RENTAL VEHICLE COVERAGE

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**35. 2025-H 6383 SUB A****BY Furtado****ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- ANIMAL CARE

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**36. 2025-H 6270 SUB A****BY Slater****ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CANNABIS CONTROL COMMISSION PROVIDE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH RECOMMENDATIONS ON LEGISLATION TO REGULATE AND LICENSE

## CANNABINOIDS AND HEMP-DERIVED BEVERAGES

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**37. 2025-H 6053 SUB A****BY** O'Brien**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**38. 2025-H 5701 SUB A****BY** Edwards**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CANCER BENEFITS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**39. 2025-H 5372****BY** Craven**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**40. 2025-H 6135****BY** DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**41. 2025-H 6136 SUB A****BY** Roberts**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**42. 2025-H 6233****BY** Biah**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**43. 2025-H 6283**

**BY** Place

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BURRILLVILLE LAND TRUST

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**44. 2025-H 6333**

**BY** Quattrocchi

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- LICENSES GENERALLY

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**45. 2025-H 6343**

**BY** Noret

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**46. 2025-H 6386**

**BY** Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**47. 2025-H 6394 SUB A**

**BY** Kislak

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**48. 2025-H 6395**

**BY** Santucci

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**49. 2025-H 6396**

**BY** Santucci

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**50. 2025-H 6419**

**BY** Casey

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**51. 2025-H 6408**

**BY** Santucci

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- FAMILY COURT

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**52. 2025-S 172 SUB A**

**BY** Burke

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTEREST AND USURY

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**53. 2025-S 166 SUB B**

**BY** Britto

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and the Substitute A and passage of Substitute B.

**54. 2025-S 238 SUB B**

**BY** McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- THE FREEDOM TO READ ACT

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and the Substitute A and passage of Substitute B.

**55. 2025-S 323 SUB A**

**BY** McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

**56. 2025-S 464 SUB A****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE GOOD SAMARITAN OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT OF 2016

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**57. 2025-S 127****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CERTIFIED SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**58. 2025-S 269****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES -- HIV/AIDS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

**59. 2025-S 981 SUB A as amended****BY** Zurier**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**60. 2025-S 799****BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Municipal Government &amp; Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**61. 2025-S 942 SUB A****BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**62. 2025-S 608****BY** Tikoian**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**63. 2025-S 482 SUB A****BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- RHODE ISLAND FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**64. 2025-S 311****BY** Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**65. 2025-S 722 SUB A****BY** Thompson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**66. 2025-S 936****BY** Dimitri**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- AN ACT ADOPTING THE FEDERAL SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT FOR MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT OF 2009

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**67. 2025-S 520****BY** Bissaillon**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**68. 2025-S 541****BY** Lauria**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**69. 2025-S 742****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- PUBLIC RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 70. 2025-S 1132**  
**BY** Bissaillon  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 71. 2025-S 125 SUB A**  
**BY** Burke  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 72. 2025-S 280**  
**BY** Rogers  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

- 73. 2025-S 668 SUB A**  
**BY** Sosnowski  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE-OWNED AND OPERATED PRINTING FACILITIES PREFERENCE ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 74. 2025-S 686**  
**BY** Gallo  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 75. 2025-S 549 as amended**  
**BY** Dimitri  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION NOTICE ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

- 76. 2025-S 474**  
**BY** Lawson  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**77. 2025-S 180 SUB A**

**BY** Murray

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY --  
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**78. 2025-S 495 SUB A**

**BY** Gu

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

**79. 2025-S 499**

**BY** McKenney

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT  
OF LOCAL TAXES

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**80. 2025-S 611 SUB A**

**BY** Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND  
MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**81. 2025-S 612 SUB A**

**BY** Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND  
MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**82. 2025-S 987**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON  
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**83. 2025-S 1008**

**BY** de la Cruz



**ENTITLED, AN ACT VALIDATING AND RATIFYING AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE HARRISVILLE FIRE DISTRICT**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage in concurrence.

**84. 2025-S 1039 SUB A**

**BY** DiPalma

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIFE SCIENCE HUB ACT**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**85. 2025-S 712 SUB A**

**BY** DiMario

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT -- NEW SHOREHAM**

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**86. 2025-H 5955 SUB A**

**BY** Speakman

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HOUSING LAND BANK PROGRAM**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**87. 2025-H 5956 SUB A**

**BY** Speakman

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RHODE ISLAND HOUSING RESOURCES ACT OF 1998**

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**88. 2025-H 5322 SUB A**

**BY** O'Brien

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT**

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**89. 2025-H 6255 SUB A**

**BY** Giraldo

**ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RETURN OF CENTRAL FALLS SCHOOLS TO LOCAL GOVERNANCE**

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**90. 2025-S 318 SUB A**

**BY** Tikoian

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS --  
LONG TERM CONTRACTING STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**91. 2025-S 122 SUB A**

**BY** Kallman

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
HOUSING LAND BANK PROGRAM

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**92. 2025-S 679**

**BY** Bissaillon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY --  
FORESTRY AND FOREST PARITY ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**93. 2025-H 5108 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**94. 2025-S 347 SUB A as amended**

**BY** Urso

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**95. 2025-H 5222 as amended**

**BY** Craven

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT  
CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**96. 2025-H 5163 SUB A**

**BY** McNamara

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Ordered to be placed on the Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**IN ORDER FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025:**

**1. 2025-H 5104 SUB A**

**BY** Corvese

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CASUALTY INSURANCE RATING

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**2. 2025-H 5555 SUB A**

**BY** J. Brien

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- VETERINARY PRACTICE

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**3. 2025-H 5590**

**BY** Solomon

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGULATION OF BUSINESS PRACTICES AMONG MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND DEALERS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

**4. 2025-H 6032 SUB A**

**BY** Voas

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- LIABILITY INSURANCE

Committee on Corporations recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**5. 2025-H 5422 SUB A**

**BY** Carson

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**6. 2025-H 5594 SUB A****BY** DeSimone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

Committee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**7. 2025-H 5493 SUB A****BY** Kislak**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BUILDING DECARBONIZATION ACT OF 2025

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**8. 2025-H 6207 SUB A****BY** McEntee**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE STATEWIDE NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR A REDEMPTION AND RECYCLING PLAN

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**9. 2025-H 5078****BY** Corvese**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Committee on Finance recommends passage.

**10. 2025-H 5464 SUB A****BY** Tanzi**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**11. 2025-H 5534 SUB A****BY** McGaw**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**12. 2025-H 6071 SUB A****BY** Giraldo**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- RHODE ISLAND  
BABY BOND TRUST

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**13. 2025-H 5494 SUB A****BY** Fogarty**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT  
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**14. 2025-S 610 SUB B****BY** Lawson**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT  
INSURANCE POLICIES

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and the Substitute A and passage of Substitute B.

**15. 2025-H 5220****BY** Ajello**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --  
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-- POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT OF 2015

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage.

**16. 2025-H 5364 SUB A****BY** Hull**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- SELF-SERVICE STORAGE  
FACILITIES

Committee on Judiciary recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**17. 2025-H 6409****BY** Chippendale**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT  
OF LOCAL TAXES

Committee on Municipal Government & Housing recommends passage.

**18. 2025-H 6126 SUB A****BY** Finkelman**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL  
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Committee on State Government & Elections recommends indefinite postponement of  
the original bill and passage of Substitute A.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Wednesday, June 18, 2025**

**APPENDIX****CONSENT CALENDAR****IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025:**

- 1. 2025-S 296**  
**BY** Murray  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --  
CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.
- 2. 2025-S 557 as amended**  
**BY** LaMountain  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT  
CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 3. 2025-S 507**  
**BY** McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 4. 2025-S 508**  
**BY** McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 5. 2025-S 509 SUB A**  
**BY** McKenney  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- CONDOMINIUM LAW

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.
- 6. 2025-S 695 SUB A**  
**BY** Valverde  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE  
ISLAND CLINICIAN WELLNESS AND SUPPORT ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

7.     **2025-S 937**  
      **BY** Dimitri  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

8.     **2025-S 950**  
      **BY** Patalano  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- KIDNAPPING

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

9.     **2025-S 1053**  
      **BY** LaMountain  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- LEASED LAND DWELLINGS

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

10.    **2025-S 1139**  
      **BY** Sosnowski  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- OUTDOOR DINING ACT

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

11.    **2025-S 1143**  
      **BY** Valverde  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

12.    **2025-S 618**  
      **BY** Mack  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- VITAL RECORDS

Committee on Judiciary recommends passage in concurrence.

13.    **2025-S 98**  
      **BY** Valverde  
      **ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.



**14. 2025-S 345****BY** McKenney**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS --  
DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**15. 2025-S 361****BY** Urso**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- FAIR  
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**16. 2025-S 614****BY** Britto**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- TAXATION  
OF BEVERAGES

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**17. 2025-S 771 SUB A****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF  
PUPILSCommittee on Education recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and  
passage of Substitute A in concurrence.**18. 2025-S 867****BY** Vargas**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE --  
UNCLAIMED INTANGIBLE AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**19. 2025-S 938 SUB A****BY** Sosnowski**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- LICENSING

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**20. 2025-S 1007****BY** Gu**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT  
OF LOCAL TAXES

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**21. 2025-S 1009 SUB A****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**22. 2025-S 1050****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**23. 2025-S 1070****BY** Ciccone**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- RHODE ISLAND INFRASTRUCTURE BANK

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**24. 2025-S 1110****BY** DiMario**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES-GENERAL POWERS -- NARRAGANSETT LANDING FEES

Ordered to be placed on the Consent Calendar for passage in concurrence.

**25. 2025-S 168 SUB B****BY** Murray**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- BENEFIT DETERMINATION AND UTILIZATION REVIEW ACT

Committee on Health & Human Services recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and the Substitute A and passage of Substitute B.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, June 13, 2025****Updated: Monday, June 16, 2025**