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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2026
RELATING TO ROGER WILLIAMS MEDICAL CENTER AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA
HOSPITAL

Introduced By: Representatives Abney, Slater, O'Brien, J. Brien, Shekarchi, Corvese,
Blazejewski, Kazarian, Cortvriend, and Hull

Date Introduced: January 29, 2026

Referred To: House Finance

(Governor/Attorney General)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 ARTICLE 1: RELATING TO AUTHORIZING THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND TO
- 2 PROVIDE FINANCING SUPPORT TO ASSIST THE SALE OF ROGER WILLIAMS
- 3 MEDICAL CENTER AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOSPITAL TO CHARTERCARE
- 4 HEALTH OF RHODE ISLAND, INC.

1 and safety of the community it serves; and

2 WHEREAS, Ensuring the financial viability of the Hospitals is expected to preserve two
3 thousand seven hundred (2,700) jobs and benefit the State of Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, To preserve the viability of the Hospitals, it is necessary to provide financing
5 support to assist the sale of the Hospitals to CharterCARE Health of Rhode Island, Inc.; and

6 WHEREAS, CharterCARE Health of Rhode Island, Inc., itself or acting through its
7 affiliate or a special purpose entity created for such purpose, as borrower, intends to finance the
8 acquisition of the Hospitals and all or a portion of the related costs through the issuance of limited
9 obligations of the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation (the "Corporation")
10 under its hospital revenue bond program; and

11 WHEREAS, Due to market conditions and to enhance the creditworthiness of the
12 borrower, it is critical to the sale of the bonds that the state provide no greater than eighteen million
13 dollars (\$18,000,000) to fund a debt service reserve fund as credit support for the bonds; and

14 WHEREAS, The state from time to time may fund the debt service reserve fund from
15 available monies as set forth in Section 3 herein.

16 NOW THEREFORE, It is enacted and resolved by the General Assembly as follows:

17 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby approves the creation of a debt service
18 reserve fund for the bonds in a principal amount funded by the state not to exceed \$18,000,000 in
19 accordance with Section 3 hereof; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the state shall have no obligation to replenish the debt service reserve
21 fund, however, nothing contained herein shall prohibit the state by act of the General Assembly
22 from doing so in the event the debt service reserve fund is drawn upon; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That any funds remaining in the debt service reserve fund upon payment in
24 full of the bonds shall revert to the supplemental state budget reserve account established pursuant
25 to Rhode Island General Laws § 35-3-20.2; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That bonds issued by the Corporation will be special obligations of the
27 Corporation payable from funds received by the Corporation under the bond documents and other
28 revenues received by the Corporation, in any combination or priority as may be designated in the
29 proceedings of the Corporation authorizing the issuance of such debt; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the bonds will not constitute indebtedness of the state or any of its
31 subdivisions or a debt for which the full faith and credit of the state or any of its subdivisions is
32 pledged; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the state's authority to incur the obligations set forth herein is
34 contingent upon the sale and issuance of the bonds to provide funds for the purchase of the

1 Hospitals and all or a portion of the costs associated therewith. The authority hereunder shall
2 become effective upon the sale of the bonds and shall remain in effect as long the bonds remain
3 outstanding.

4 RESOLVED, That this joint resolution shall take effect upon passage.

5 SECTION 2. Section 35-3-20.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-3 entitled "State
6 Budget" is hereby amended to read as follows:

7 **35-3-20.2. Supplemental state budget reserve account.**

8 (a) There is hereby created within the general fund a supplemental state budget reserve
9 account, which shall be administered by the state controller and which shall be used solely for the
10 purpose of providing such sums as may be appropriated to fund any unanticipated general revenue
11 deficit caused by a general revenue shortfall.

12 (b) At any time after the third quarter of a fiscal year that it is indicated that total resources
13 which are defined to be the aggregate of estimated general revenue, general revenue receivables,
14 and available free surplus in the general fund will be less than the estimates upon which current
15 appropriations were based, the general assembly may make appropriations from the supplemental
16 state budget reserve account for the difference between the estimated total resources and the
17 original estimates upon which enacted appropriations were based, but only in the amount of the
18 difference based upon the revenues projected at the latest state revenue estimating conference
19 pursuant to chapter 16 of this title as reported by the chairperson of that conference.

20 (c) Whenever a transfer has been made pursuant to subsection (b), that transfer shall be
21 considered as estimated general revenues for the purposes of determining the amount to be
22 transferred to the Rhode Island capital plan fund for the purposes of § 35-3-20.1(b).

23 (d) The supplemental state budget reserve account shall consist of: (1) Such sums as the
24 state may from time to time directly transfer to the account as authorized in law; and (2) Any
25 amounts transferred pursuant to § 35-6-1(e).

26 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other law to the contrary, for the
27 fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the state controller shall transfer the sum of eighteen million
28 dollars (\$18,000,000) from the supplemental state budget reserve account to general revenue.

29 SECTION 3. Section 1 of Article 1 of Chapter 278 of the Public Laws of 2025 is hereby
30 amended as follows:

31 Increase general revenue by \$18,000,000 by adding a new line item within the general
32 program of the department of administration by inserting the following text after the line "Library
33 Construction Aid 2,115,628":

34 Hospital Financing Support Debt Service Reserve \$18,000,000

