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**A N   A C T**

**RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX**

Introduced By: Senators McKenney, Tikoian, Felag, Britto, and LaMountain

Date Introduced: February 13, 2026

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1        SECTION 1. Section 44-30-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-30 entitled "Personal  
2        Income Tax" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3        **44-30-12. Rhode Island income of a resident individual.**

4        (a) **General.** The Rhode Island income of a resident individual means the individual's  
5        adjusted gross income for federal income tax purposes, with the modifications specified in this  
6        section.

7        (b) **Modifications increasing federal adjusted gross income.** There shall be added to  
8        federal adjusted gross income:

9            (1) Interest income on obligations of any state, or its political subdivisions, other than  
10       Rhode Island or its political subdivisions;

11            (2) Interest or dividend income on obligations or securities of any authority, commission,  
12       or instrumentality of the United States, but not of Rhode Island or its political subdivisions, to the  
13       extent exempted by the laws of the United States from federal income tax but not from state income  
14       taxes;

15            (3) The modification described in § 44-30-25(g);

16            (4)(i) The amount defined below of a nonqualified withdrawal made from an account in  
17       the tuition savings program pursuant to § 16-57-6.1. For purposes of this section, a nonqualified  
18       withdrawal is:

19            (A) A transfer or rollover to a qualified tuition program under Section 529 of the Internal

1 Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 529, other than to the tuition savings program referred to in § 16-57-  
2 6.1; and

3 (B) A withdrawal or distribution that is:

4 (I) Not applied on a timely basis to pay “qualified higher education expenses” as defined  
5 in § 16-57-3(12) of the beneficiary of the account from which the withdrawal is made;

6 (II) Not made for a reason referred to in § 16-57-6.1(e); or

7 (III) Not made in other circumstances for which an exclusion from tax made applicable by  
8 Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 529, pertains if the transfer, rollover,  
9 withdrawal, or distribution is made within two (2) taxable years following the taxable year for  
10 which a contributions modification pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of this section is taken based on  
11 contributions to any tuition savings program account by the person who is the participant of the  
12 account at the time of the contribution, whether or not the person is the participant of the account  
13 at the time of the transfer, rollover, withdrawal, or distribution;

14 (ii) In the event of a nonqualified withdrawal under subsection (b)(4)(i)(A) or (b)(4)(i)(B)  
15 of this section, there shall be added to the federal adjusted gross income of that person for the  
16 taxable year of the withdrawal an amount equal to the lesser of:

17 (A) The amount equal to the nonqualified withdrawal reduced by the sum of any  
18 administrative fee or penalty imposed under the tuition savings program in connection with the  
19 nonqualified withdrawal plus the earnings portion thereof, if any, includable in computing the  
20 person’s federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year; and

21 (B) The amount of the person’s contribution modification pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of  
22 this section for the person’s taxable year of the withdrawal and the two (2) prior taxable years less  
23 the amount of any nonqualified withdrawal for the two (2) prior taxable years included in  
24 computing the person’s Rhode Island income by application of this subsection for those years. Any  
25 amount added to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to this subdivision shall constitute Rhode  
26 Island income for residents, nonresidents, and part-year residents;

27 (vi) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, an individual may subtract from  
28 federal adjusted gross income twenty-five percent (25%) of social security income.

29 (vii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2028, an individual may subtract from  
30 federal adjusted gross income fifty percent (50%) of social security income.

31 (viii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2029, an individual may subtract from  
32 federal adjusted gross income seventy-five percent (75%) of social security income.

33 (ix) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2030, an individual may subtract from  
34 federal adjusted gross income one hundred percent (100%) of social security income.

21 (c) **Modifications reducing federal adjusted gross income.** There shall be subtracted  
22 from federal adjusted gross income:  
23 (1) Any interest income on obligations of the United States and its possessions to the extent  
24 includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, and any interest or dividend income on  
25 obligations, or securities of any authority, commission, or instrumentality of the United States to  
26 the extent includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes but exempt from state income  
27 taxes under the laws of the United States; provided, that the amount to be subtracted shall in any  
28 case be reduced by any interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry  
29 obligations or securities the income of which is exempt from Rhode Island personal income tax, to  
30 the extent the interest has been deducted in determining federal adjusted gross income or taxable  
31 income:

32 (2) A modification described in § 44-30-25(f) or § 44-30-1.1(c)(1);

33 (3) The amount of any withdrawal or distribution from the “tuition savings program”  
34 referred to in § 16-57-6.1 that is included in federal adjusted gross income, other than a withdrawal

1 or distribution or portion of a withdrawal or distribution that is a nonqualified withdrawal;

2       (4) Contributions made to an account under the tuition savings program, including the

3       “contributions carryover” pursuant to subsection (c)(4)(iv) of this section, if any, subject to the

4       following limitations, restrictions, and qualifications:

5       (i) The aggregate subtraction pursuant to this subdivision for any taxable year of the

6       taxpayer shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) or one thousand dollars (\$1,000) if a joint

7       return;

8       (ii) The following shall not be considered contributions:

9       (A) Contributions made by any person to an account who is not a participant of the account

10      at the time the contribution is made;

11       (B) Transfers or rollovers to an account from any other tuition savings program account or

12      from any other “qualified tuition program” under section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26

13      U.S.C. § 529; or

14       (C) A change of the beneficiary of the account;

15       (iii) The subtraction pursuant to this subdivision shall not reduce the taxpayer’s federal

16      adjusted gross income to less than zero (0);

17       (iv) The contributions carryover to a taxable year for purpose of this subdivision is the

18      excess, if any, of the total amount of contributions actually made by the taxpayer to the tuition

19      savings program for all preceding taxable years for which this subsection is effective over the sum

20      of:

21       (A) The total of the subtractions under this subdivision allowable to the taxpayer for all

22      such preceding taxable years; and

23       (B) That part of any remaining contribution carryover at the end of the taxable year which

24      exceeds the amount of any nonqualified withdrawals during the year and the prior two (2) taxable

25      years not included in the addition provided for in this subdivision for those years. Any such part

26      shall be disregarded in computing the contributions carryover for any subsequent taxable year;

27       (v) For any taxable year for which a contributions carryover is applicable, the taxpayer

28      shall include a computation of the carryover with the taxpayer’s Rhode Island personal income tax

29      return for that year, and if for any taxable year on which the carryover is based the taxpayer filed a

30      joint Rhode Island personal income tax return but filed a return on a basis other than jointly for a

31      subsequent taxable year, the computation shall reflect how the carryover is being allocated between

32      the prior joint filers;

33       (5) The modification described in § 44-30-25.1(d)(1);

34       (6) Amounts deemed taxable income to the taxpayer due to payment or provision of

1 insurance benefits to a dependent, including a domestic partner pursuant to chapter 12 of title 36 or  
2 other coverage plan;

3 **(7) Modification for organ transplantation.**

4 (i) An individual may subtract up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from federal adjusted  
5 gross income if the individual, while living, donates one or more of their human organs to another  
6 human being for human organ transplantation, except that for purposes of this subsection, "human  
7 organ" means all or part of a liver, pancreas, kidney, intestine, lung, or bone marrow. A subtract  
8 modification that is claimed hereunder may be claimed in the taxable year in which the human  
9 organ transplantation occurs.

10 (ii) An individual may claim that subtract modification hereunder only once, and the  
11 subtract modification may be claimed for only the following unreimbursed expenses that are  
12 incurred by the claimant and related to the claimant's organ donation:

13 (A) Travel expenses.

14 (B) Lodging expenses.

15 (C) Lost wages.

16 (iii) The subtract modification hereunder may not be claimed by a part-time resident or a  
17 nonresident of this state;

18 **(8) Modification for taxable Social Security income.**

19 (i) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016:

20 (A) For a person who has attained the age used for calculating full or unreduced Social  
21 Security retirement benefits who files a return as an unmarried individual, head of household, or  
22 married filing separate whose federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year is less than eighty  
23 thousand dollars (\$80,000); or

24 (B) A married individual filing jointly or individual filing qualifying widow(er) who has  
25 attained the age used for calculating full or unreduced Social Security retirement benefits whose  
26 joint federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars  
27 (\$100,000), an amount equal to the Social Security benefits includable in federal adjusted gross  
28 income.

29 (ii) Adjustment for inflation. The dollar amount contained in subsections (c)(8)(i)(A) and  
30 (c)(8)(i)(B) of this section shall be increased annually by an amount equal to:

31 (A) Such dollar amount contained in subsections (c)(8)(i)(A) and (c)(8)(i)(B) of this section  
32 adjusted for inflation using a base tax year of 2000, multiplied by;

33 (B) The cost-of-living adjustment with a base year of 2000.

34 (iii) For the purposes of this section the cost-of-living adjustment for any calendar year is

1 the percentage (if any) by which the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year exceeds  
2 the consumer price index for the base year. The consumer price index for any calendar year is the  
3 average of the consumer price index as of the close of the twelve-month (12) period ending on  
4 August 31, of such calendar year.

5 (iv) For the purpose of this section the term "consumer price index" means the last  
6 consumer price index for all urban consumers published by the department of labor. For the purpose  
7 of this section the revision of the consumer price index which is most consistent with the consumer  
8 price index for calendar year 1986 shall be used.

9 (v) If any increase determined under this section is not a multiple of fifty dollars (\$50.00),  
10 such increase shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of fifty dollars (\$50.00). In the case of a  
11 married individual filing separate return, if any increase determined under this section is not a  
12 multiple of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), such increase shall be rounded to the next lower multiple  
13 of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

14 (vi) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, an individual may subtract from  
15 federal adjusted gross income twenty-five percent (25%) of social security income.

16 (vii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2028, an individual may subtract from  
17 federal adjusted gross income fifty percent (50%) of social security income.

18 (viii) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2029, an individual may subtract from  
19 federal adjusted gross income seventy-five percent (75%) of social security income.

20 (ix) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2030, an individual may subtract from  
21 federal adjusted gross income one hundred percent (100%) of social security income.

22 (9) **Modification of taxable retirement income from certain pension plans or**  
23 **annuities.**

24 (i) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, until the tax year beginning January  
25 1, 2022, a modification shall be allowed for up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), and for tax  
26 years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, until the tax year beginning January 1, 2024, a  
27 modification shall be allowed for up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), and for tax years  
28 beginning on or after January 1, 2025, a modification shall be allowed for up to fifty thousand  
29 dollars (\$50,000), of taxable pension and/or annuity income that is included in federal adjusted  
30 gross income for the taxable year:

31 (A) For a person who has attained the age used for calculating full or unreduced Social  
32 Security retirement benefits who files a return as an unmarried individual, head of household, or  
33 married filing separate whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than the  
34 amount used for the modification contained in subsection (c)(8)(i)(A) of this section an amount not

1 to exceed \$15,000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, until the tax year beginning  
2 January 1, 2022, and an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for tax years  
3 beginning on or after January 1, 2023, until the tax year beginning January 1, 2024, and an amount  
4 not to exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025,  
5 of taxable pension and/or annuity income includable in federal adjusted gross income; or

6 (B) For a married individual filing jointly or individual filing qualifying widow(er) who  
7 has attained the age used for calculating full or unreduced Social Security retirement benefits whose  
8 joint federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than the amount used for the  
9 modification contained in subsection (c)(8)(i)(B) of this section an amount not to exceed \$15,000  
10 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, until the tax year beginning January 1, 2022,  
11 and an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for tax years beginning on or after  
12 January 1, 2023, until the tax year beginning January 1, 2024, and an amount not to exceed fifty  
13 thousand dollars (\$50,000) for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, of taxable pension  
14 and/or annuity income includable in federal adjusted gross income.

15 (ii) Adjustment for inflation. The dollar amount contained by reference in subsections  
16 (c)(9)(i)(A) and (c)(9)(i)(B) of this section shall be increased annually for tax years beginning on  
17 or after January 1, 2018, by an amount equal to:

18 (A) Such dollar amount contained by reference in subsections (c)(9)(i)(A) and (c)(9)(i)(B)  
19 of this section adjusted for inflation using a base tax year of 2000, multiplied by;

20 (B) The cost-of-living adjustment with a base year of 2000.

21 (iii) For the purposes of this section, the cost-of-living adjustment for any calendar year is  
22 the percentage (if any) by which the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year exceeds  
23 the consumer price index for the base year. The consumer price index for any calendar year is the  
24 average of the consumer price index as of the close of the twelve-month (12) period ending on  
25 August 31, of such calendar year.

26 (iv) For the purpose of this section, the term "consumer price index" means the last  
27 consumer price index for all urban consumers published by the department of labor. For the purpose  
28 of this section, the revision of the consumer price index which is most consistent with the consumer  
29 price index for calendar year 1986 shall be used.

30 (v) If any increase determined under this section is not a multiple of fifty dollars (\$50.00),  
31 such increase shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of fifty dollars (\$50.00). In the case of a  
32 married individual filing a separate return, if any increase determined under this section is not a  
33 multiple of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), such increase shall be rounded to the next lower multiple  
34 of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

1 (vi) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, the dollar amount contained by  
2 reference in subsection (c)(9)(i)(A) shall be adjusted to equal the dollar amount contained in  
3 subsection (c)(8)(i)(A), as adjusted for inflation, and the dollar amount contained by reference in  
4 subsection(c)(9)(i)(B) shall be adjusted to equal the dollar amount contained in subsection  
5 (c)(8)(i)(B), as adjusted for inflation;

## 11 (11) Modification for military service pensions.

12 (i) For purposes of a taxpayer's state tax liability, a modification to income shall be allowed  
13 as follows:

14 (A) For the tax years beginning on January 1, 2023, a taxpayer may subtract from federal  
15 adjusted gross income the taxpayer's military service pension benefits included in federal adjusted  
16 gross income;

17 (ii) As used in this subsection, the term "military service" shall have the same meaning as  
18 set forth in 20 C.F.R. § 212.2;

19 (iii) At no time shall the modification allowed under this subsection alone or in conjunction  
20 with subsection (c)(9) exceed the amount of the military service pension received in the tax year  
21 for which the modification is claimed;

(12) Any rebate issued to the taxpayer pursuant to § 44-30-103 to the extent included in gross income for federal tax purposes; and

24 (13) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, in the case of a taxpayer that is  
25 licensed in accordance with chapters 28.6 and/or 28.11 of title 21, the amount equal to any  
26 expenditure that is eligible to be claimed as a federal income tax deduction but is disallowed under  
27 26 U.S.C. § 280E.

28 (d) **Modification for Rhode Island fiduciary adjustment.** There shall be added to, or  
29 subtracted from, federal adjusted gross income (as the case may be) the taxpayer's share, as  
30 beneficiary of an estate or trust, of the Rhode Island fiduciary adjustment determined under § 44-  
31 30-17.

32 (e) **Partners.** The amounts of modifications required to be made under this section by a  
33 partner, which relate to items of income or deduction of a partnership, shall be determined under §  
34 44-30-15.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1        This act would gradually phase in modifications to federal adjusted gross income over a
- 2        four (4) year period for social security income, from twenty-five percent (25%) up to one hundred
- 3        percent (100%), beginning on or after January 1, 2027.
- 4        This act would take effect upon passage.

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