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ARTICLE 2

RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

SECTION 1. Section 16-59-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-59 entitled "Council on Postsecondary Education [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended to read as follows:

16-59-9. Educational budget and appropriations.

(a) The general assembly shall annually appropriate any sums it deems necessary for support and maintenance of higher education in the state and the state controller is authorized and directed to draw his or her orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of the appropriations or so much of the sums that are necessary for the purposes appropriated, upon the receipt by him or her of proper vouchers as the council on postsecondary education may by rule provide. The council shall receive, review, and adjust the budget for the office of postsecondary commissioner and present the budget as part of the budget for higher education under the requirements of § 35-3-4.

(b) The office of postsecondary commissioner and the institutions of public higher education shall establish working capital accounts.

(c) Any tuition or fee increase schedules in effect for the institutions of public higher education shall be received by the council on postsecondary education for allocation for the fiscal year for which state appropriations are made to the council by the general assembly; provided that no further increases may be made by the board of education or the council on postsecondary education for the year for which appropriations are made. Except that these provisions shall not apply to the revenues of housing, dining, and other auxiliary facilities at the university of Rhode Island, Rhode Island college, and the community colleges including student fees as described in P.L. 1962, ch. 257 pledged to secure indebtedness issued at any time pursuant to P.L. 1962, ch. 257 as amended.

(d) All housing, dining, and other auxiliary facilities at all public institutions of higher learning shall be self-supporting and no funds shall be appropriated by the general assembly to pay operating expenses, including principal and interest on debt services, and overhead expenses for the facilities, with the exception of the mandatory fees covered by the Rhode Island promise scholarship program as established by § 16-107-3. Any debt-service costs on general obligation

1 bonds presented to the voters in November 2000 and November 2004 or appropriated funds from
2 the Rhode Island capital plan for the housing auxiliaries at the university of Rhode Island and
3 Rhode Island college shall not be subject to this self-supporting requirement in order to provide
4 funds for the building construction and rehabilitation program. The institutions of public higher
5 education will establish policies and procedures that enhance the opportunity for auxiliary facilities
6 to be self-supporting, including that all faculty provide timely and accurate copies of booklists for
7 required textbooks to the public higher educational institution's bookstore.

8 (e) The additional costs to achieve self-supporting status shall be by the implementation of
9 a fee schedule of all housing, dining, and other auxiliary facilities, including but not limited to,
10 operating expenses, principal, and interest on debt services, and overhead expenses.

11 (f) The board of education is authorized to establish two (2) restricted-receipt accounts for
12 the higher education and industry centers established throughout the state: one to collect lease
13 payments from occupying companies, and fees from room and service rentals, to support the
14 operation and maintenance of the facilities; and one to collect donations to support construction,
15 operations and maintenance. All such revenues shall be deposited to the restricted-receipt accounts.

16 (g) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (d) of this section or any provisions of this title, to
17 the extent necessary to comply with the provisions of any outstanding bonds issued by the Rhode
18 Island health and educational building corporation or outstanding lease certificates of participation,
19 in either case, issued for the benefit of the university of Rhode Island, the community college of
20 Rhode Island, and/or Rhode Island college, to the extent necessary to comply with the provisions
21 of any such bonds or certificates of participation, the general assembly shall annually appropriate
22 any such sums it deems necessary from educational and general revenues (including, but not limited
23 to, tuition) and auxiliary enterprise revenues derived from the university of Rhode Island, the
24 community college of Rhode Island and Rhode Island college, to be allocated by the council on
25 postsecondary education or by the board of trustees of the university of Rhode Island, as
26 appropriate, in accordance with the terms of the contracts with such bondholders or certificate
27 holders.

28 (h) The board of education is authorized to establish a restricted-receipt account for income
29 generated by the Rhode Island nursing education center through the rental of classrooms,
30 laboratories, or other facilities located on the Providence campus of the nursing education center.
31 All such revenues shall be deposited to the restricted receipt account.

32 [\(i\) The board of education is authorized to establish a restricted-receipt account for the](#)
33 [receipt and expenditure of monies received from IGT Global Solutions Corporation for the purpose](#)
34 [of financing scholarships relating to studying science, technology, engineering, or mathematics at](#)

1 [an accredited educational institution. This account shall be housed within the budget of the office](#)
2 [of the postsecondary commissioner and exempt from the indirect cost recovery provisions of § 35-](#)
3 [4-27.](#)

4 SECTION 2. Section 21-28.11-13 of the General Laws in Chapter 21-28.11 entitled "The
5 Rhode Island Cannabis Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 **21-28.11-13. Taxes.**

7 (a) The following taxes are imposed on the retail sale of adult use cannabis pursuant to the
8 provisions of this chapter.

9 (1) Sales tax pursuant to the provisions of § 44-18-18;

10 (2) A state cannabis excise tax equal to ten percent (10%) of each retail sale as defined in
11 § 44-18-8; and

12 (3) A local cannabis excise tax equal to three percent (3%) of each retail sale as defined in
13 § 44-18-8.

14 (b) The assessment, collection and enforcement of the sales tax pursuant to § 44-18-18, the
15 state cannabis excise tax, and the local cannabis excise tax shall be pursuant to the provisions of
16 chapters 18 and 19 of title 44 and paid to the tax administrator by the retailer at the time and in the
17 manner prescribed for sales tax in § 44-19-10. The retailer shall add the taxes imposed by this
18 chapter to the sales price or charge, and when added, the taxes constitute a part of the price or
19 charge, is a debt from the consumer or user to the state, and is recoverable at law in the same manner
20 as other debts.

21 (c) All sums received by the division of taxation under this section as local cannabis excise
22 tax or associated amounts as penalties, forfeitures, interest, costs of suit, and fines for failure to
23 timely report or pay the local cannabis excise tax shall be distributed at least quarterly and credited
24 and paid by the state treasurer to the city or town where the cannabis is delivered.

25 (d) There is created within the general fund a restricted receipt account known as the
26 "marijuana trust fund." Revenue collected from the state cannabis excise tax or associated amounts
27 as penalties, forfeitures, interest, costs of suit, and fines for failure to timely report or pay the state
28 cannabis excise tax shall be deposited into this account and used to fund programs and activities
29 related to program administration; revenue collection and enforcement; substance use disorder
30 prevention for adults and youth; education and public awareness campaigns, including awareness
31 campaigns relating to driving under the influence of cannabis; treatment and recovery support
32 services; public health monitoring, research, data collection, and surveillance; law enforcement
33 training and technology improvements, including grants to local law enforcement; and such other
34 related uses that may be deemed necessary.

1 (e) Revenue collected from the sales tax shall be deposited into the general fund.

2 (f) The budget officer is hereby authorized to create restricted receipt accounts entitled
3 "marijuana trust fund allocation" in any department or agency of state government wherein monies
4 from the marijuana trust fund are appropriated by the general assembly for the programmatic
5 purposes set forth in subsection (d) of this section.

6 SECTION 3. Chapter 23-17.14 of the General Laws entitled "The Hospital Conversions
7 Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

8 **23-17.14-36. Hospital conversion monitoring account.**

9 There is hereby established within the department of health, a restricted receipt account
10 entitled "Hospital Conversion Monitoring." This account shall be used for the sole purpose to fund
11 monitoring activities associated with hospital conversions pursuant to § 23-17.14-28(d)(1), (2), (3),
12 and (4). Funds held in non-state escrow, whether currently existing or prospective, through
13 agreement between the department of health and the conversion acquiror may be deposited into the
14 restricted receipt account and disbursed, as necessary, to conduct the monitoring activities
15 associated with § 23-17.14-28(d) (1), (2), (3), and (4).

16 SECTION 4. Section 35-1.1-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-1.1 entitled "Office of
17 Management and Budget" is hereby amended to read as follows:

18 **35-1.1-5. Federal grants management.**

19 (a) The controller shall be responsible for managing federal grant applications; providing
20 administrative assistance to agencies regarding reporting requirements; providing technical
21 assistance; and approving agreements with federal agencies pursuant to § 35-1-1. The controller
22 shall:

23 (1) Establish state goals and objectives for maximizing the utilization of federal aid
24 programs;

25 (2) Ensure that the state establishes and maintains statewide federally mandated grants
26 management processes and procedures as mandated by the federal Office of Management and
27 Budget;

28 (3) Promulgate procedures and guidelines for all state departments, agencies, advisory
29 councils, instrumentalities of the state, and public higher education institutions covering
30 applications for federal grants;

31 (4) Require, upon request, any state department, agency, advisory council, instrumentality
32 of the state, or public higher education institution receiving a grant of money from the federal
33 government to submit a report to the controller of expenditures and program measures for the fiscal
34 period in question;

1 (5) Ensure state departments and agencies adhere to the requirements of § 42-41-5
2 regarding legislative appropriation authority and delegation thereof;

3 (6) Manage and oversee the disbursements of federal funds in accordance with § 35-6-42;

4 (7) Prepare the statewide cost allocation plan and serve as the monitoring agency to ensure
5 that state departments and agencies are working within the guidelines contained in the plan; and

6 (8) Provide technical assistance to agencies to ensure resolution and closure of all single
7 state audit findings and recommendations made by the auditor general related to federal funding.

8 (b) The division of accounts and control shall serve as the state clearinghouse for purposes
9 of coordinating federal grants, aid, and assistance applied for and/or received by any state
10 department, agency, advisory council, or instrumentality of the state. Any state department, agency,
11 advisory council, or instrumentality of the state applying for federal funds, aids, loans, or grants
12 shall file a summary notification of the intended application with the controller.

13 (1) When as a condition to receiving federal funds, the state is required to match the federal
14 funds, a statement shall be filed with the notice of intent or summary of the application stating:

15 (i) The amount and source of state funds needed for matching purposes;

16 (ii) The length of time the matching funds shall be required;

17 (iii) The growth of the program;

18 (iv) How the program will be evaluated;

19 (v) What action will be necessary should the federal funds be canceled, curtailed, or
20 restricted; and

21 (vi) Any other financial and program management data required by the office or by law.

22 (2) Except as otherwise required, any application submitted by an executive agency for
23 federal funds, aids, loans, or grants which will require state matching or replacement funds at the
24 time of application or at any time in the future, must be approved by the director of the office of
25 management and budget, or his or her designated agents, prior to its filing with the appropriate
26 federal agency. Any application submitted by an executive agency for federal funds, aids, loans, or
27 grants which will require state matching or replacement funds at the time of application or at any
28 time in the future, when funds have not been appropriated for that express purpose, must be
29 approved by the general assembly in accordance with § 42-41-5. When the general assembly is not
30 in session, the application shall be reported to and reviewed by the director pursuant to rules and
31 regulations promulgated by the director.

32 (3) When any federal funds, aids, loans, or grants are received by any state department,
33 agency, advisory council, or instrumentality of the state, a report of the amount of funds received
34 shall be filed with the office; and this report shall specify the amount of funds that would reimburse

1 an agency for indirect costs, as provided for under federal requirements.

2 (4) The controller may refuse to issue approval for the disbursement of any state or federal
3 funds from the state treasury as the result of any application that is not approved as provided by
4 this section, or in regard to which the statement or reports required by this section were not filed.

5 (5) The controller shall be responsible for the orderly administration of this section and
6 for issuing the appropriate guidelines and regulations from each source of funds used.

7 (c) There is hereby created in the general fund and housed within the budget of the
8 department of administration a restricted receipt account entitled "Grants Management
9 Administration." This account shall be used to fund centralized services relating to managing
10 federal grant applications; providing administrative assistance to agencies regarding reporting
11 requirements; providing technical assistance; approving agreements with federal agencies pursuant
12 to § 35-1-1; and, may include costs associated with the development, implementation, and ongoing
13 operation of a grants management information technology system. Every state department and
14 agency, as defined in § 35-1-4, that receives federal assistance funds, excluding awards made
15 directly to Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island, and the University of
16 Rhode Island, shall set aside an amount of the funds received equal to a percentage as determined
17 annually by the state controller multiplied by federal funds received. The state controller shall
18 determine this rate annually in proportion with budgeted expenditures for uses consistent with the
19 purpose of this subsection within the department of administration.

20 For federal awards in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent stimulus
21 awards, there is hereby authorized an additional assessment that shall be deposited into the
22 restricted receipt account established by this subsection and shall be equal to a uniform percentage
23 of the amount of stimulus and other awards received, excluding Medicaid and all awards made
24 directly to Rhode Island College, the Community College of Rhode Island, and the University of
25 Rhode Island, associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent stimulus acts. The state
26 controller shall calculate the rate of this additional assessment, not to exceed one percent (1%) of
27 the total awards received during a fiscal year, in proportion with budgeted expenditures necessary
28 to finance the planning, oversight, compliance, and reporting functions within the department of
29 administration related to federal awards issued in response to the pandemic and subsequent stimulus
30 awards in addition to the costs of planning, development, and implementation of a grants
31 management information technology system. The Grants Management Administration account
32 shall not include an allocation of the State Fiscal Recovery Fund or the Coronavirus Capital Projects
33 Fund. For the additional assessment related to federal awards issued in response to the pandemic
34 and subsequent stimulus awards no funds shall be deposited into the restricted receipt account after

1 December 31, 2026 [the federally determined end of performance period](#). All funds set aside and
2 designated to be used for grants management shall be deposited into the restricted receipt account
3 established in this subsection.

4 Prior to any deposits being made into the restricted receipt account established by this
5 subsection and thereafter prior to the commencement of each fiscal year, the state controller shall
6 provide a report to the director of administration and the chairpersons of the house and senate
7 finance committees that includes the rate and calculation thereof for the following fiscal year.

8 SECTION 5. Section 35-4-27 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-4 entitled "State Funds"
9 is hereby amended to read as follows:

10 **35-4-27. Indirect cost recoveries on restricted receipt accounts.**

11 Indirect cost recoveries of ten percent (10%) of cash receipts shall be transferred from all
12 restricted-receipt accounts, to be recorded as general revenues in the general fund. However, there
13 shall be no transfer from cash receipts with restrictions received exclusively: (1) From contributions
14 from nonprofit charitable organizations; (2) From the assessment of indirect cost-recovery rates on
15 federal grant funds; or (3) Through transfers from state agencies to the department of administration
16 for the payment of debt service. These indirect cost recoveries shall be applied to all accounts,
17 unless prohibited by federal law or regulation, court order, or court settlement. The following
18 restricted receipt accounts shall not be subject to the provisions of this section:

19 Executive Office of Health and Human Services

20 Organ Transplant Fund

21 HIV Care Grant Drug Rebates

22 Health System Transformation Project

23 [Rhode Island Statewide Opioid Abatement Account](#)

24 [HCBS Support- ARPA](#)

25 [HCBS Admin Support- ARPA](#)

26 Department of Human Services

27 Veterans' home — Restricted account

28 Veterans' home — Resident benefits

29 Pharmaceutical Rebates Account

30 Demand Side Management Grants

31 Veteran's Cemetery Memorial Fund

32 Donations — New Veterans' Home Construction

33 Department of Health

34 Pandemic medications and equipment account

1 Miscellaneous Donations/Grants from Non-Profits
2 State Loan Repayment Match
3 Healthcare Information Technology
4 Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals
5 Eleanor Slater non-Medicaid third-party payor account
6 Hospital Medicare Part D Receipts
7 RICLAS Group Home Operations
8 Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
9 Emergency and public communication access account
10 Department of Environmental Management
11 National heritage revolving fund
12 Environmental response fund II
13 Underground storage tanks registration fees
14 De Coppet Estate Fund
15 Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission
16 Historic preservation revolving loan fund
17 Historic Preservation loan fund — Interest revenue
18 Department of Public Safety
19 E-911 Uniform Emergency Telephone System
20 Forfeited property — Retained
21 Forfeitures — Federal
22 Forfeited property — Gambling
23 Donation — Polygraph and Law Enforcement Training
24 Rhode Island State Firefighter's League Training Account
25 Fire Academy Training Fees Account
26 Attorney General
27 Forfeiture of property
28 Federal forfeitures
29 Attorney General multi-state account
30 Forfeited property — Gambling
31 Department of Administration
32 OER Reconciliation Funding
33 Health Insurance Market Integrity Fund
34 RI Health Benefits Exchange

1 Information Technology Investment Fund
2 Restore and replacement — Insurance coverage
3 Convention Center Authority rental payments
4 Investment Receipts — TANS
5 OPEB System Restricted Receipt Account
6 Car Rental Tax/Surcharge-Warwick Share
7 Grants Management Administration
8 Executive Office of Commerce
9 Housing Resources Commission Restricted Account
10 Housing Production Fund
11 Department of Revenue
12 DMV Modernization Project
13 Jobs Tax Credit Redemption Fund
14 Legislature
15 Audit of federal assisted programs
16 Department of Children, Youth and Families
17 Children's Trust Accounts — SSI
18 Military Staff
19 RI Military Family Relief Fund
20 RI National Guard Counterdrug Program
21 Treasury
22 Admin. Expenses — State Retirement System
23 Retirement — Treasury Investment Options
24 Defined Contribution — Administration - RR
25 Violent Crimes Compensation — Refunds
26 Treasury Research Fellowship
27 Business Regulation
28 Banking Division Reimbursement Account
29 Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner Reimbursement Account
30 Securities Division Reimbursement Account
31 Commercial Licensing and Racing and Athletics Division Reimbursement Account
32 Insurance Division Reimbursement Account
33 Historic Preservation Tax Credit Account
34 [Marijuana Trust Fund](#)

1 [Social Equity Assistance Fund](#)
2 Judiciary
3 Arbitration Fund Restricted Receipt Account
4 Third-Party Grants
5 RI Judiciary Technology Surcharge Account
6 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
7 Statewide Student Transportation Services Account
8 School for the Deaf Fee-for-Service Account
9 School for the Deaf — School Breakfast and Lunch Program
10 Davies Career and Technical School Local Education Aid Account
11 Davies — National School Breakfast & Lunch Program
12 School Construction Services
13 Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner
14 Higher Education and Industry Center

15 [IGT STEM Scholarships](#)

16 Department of Labor and Training
17 Job Development Fund
18 Rhode Island Council on the Arts
19 Governors' Portrait Donation Fund
20 Statewide records management system account

21 SECTION 6. Section 39-1-42 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-1 entitled "Public Utilities
22 Commission" is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 **39-1-42. Access to telephone information services for persons with disabilities.**

24 (a) The public utilities commission shall establish, administer, and promote an information
25 accessibility service that includes:

26 (1) A statewide telephone relay service and, through the competitive bidding process,
27 contract for the administration and operation of such a relay system for utilization of the
28 telecommunications network by deaf, hard-of-hearing and speech-impaired persons;

29 (2) The adaptive telephone equipment loan program capable of servicing the needs of
30 persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, severely speech impaired, or those with neuromuscular
31 impairments for use with a single-party telephone line, or wireless telephone, to any subscriber who
32 is certified as deaf, hard of hearing, severely speech impaired, or with neuromuscular impairments
33 by a licensed physician, audiologist, speech pathologist, or a qualified state agency, pursuant to
34 chapter 23 of this title; and

1 (3) A telephone access to the text of newspaper programs to residents who are blind, deaf
2 or blind, visually impaired, or reading impaired with a single-party telephone line.

3 (b) The commission shall establish, by rule or regulation, an appropriate funding
4 mechanism to recover the costs of providing this service from each residence and business
5 telephone access line or trunk in the state, including PBX trunks and centrex equivalent trunks and
6 each service line or trunk, and upon each user interface number or extension number or similarly
7 identifiable line, trunk, or path to or from a digital network. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there
8 shall not be any additional funding mechanism used to charge each residence and business
9 telephone access line or trunk in the state, including PBX trunks and centrex equivalent trunks and
10 each service line or trunk, or upon each user interface number or extension number or similarly
11 identifiable line, trunk, or path to or from a digital network, to recover the costs of providing the
12 services outlined in subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3) above.

13 (c) The commission, with the assistance of the state commission on the deaf and hard of
14 hearing, shall also develop the appropriate rules, regulations, and service standards necessary to
15 implement the provisions of subsection (a)(1). At a minimum, however, the commission shall
16 require, under the terms of the contract, that the relay service provider:

17 (1) Offer its relay services seven (7) days a week, twenty-four (24) hours a day, including
18 holidays;

19 (2) Hire only qualified salaried operators with deaf language skills; and

20 (3) Maintain the confidentiality of all communications.

21 (d) The commission shall collect from the telecommunications service providers the
22 amounts of the surcharge collected from their subscribers and remit to the department of human
23 services an additional ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually commencing in fiscal year 2005 for
24 the adaptive telephone equipment loan program and forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to the
25 department of human services for the establishment of a new telephone access to the text of
26 newspaper programs. In addition, ~~eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000)~~ one hundred thousand dollars
27 (\$100,000) shall annually be remitted to the Rhode Island commission on the deaf and hard of
28 hearing for an emergency and public communication access program, pursuant to § 23-1.8-4. The
29 surcharge referenced hereunder shall be generated from existing funding mechanisms and shall not
30 be generated as a result of any new funding mechanisms charged to each residence and business
31 telephone access line or trunk in the state, including PBX trunks and centrex equivalent trunks and
32 each service line or trunk, or upon each user interface number or extension number or similarly
33 identifiable line, trunk, or path to or from a digital network.

34 SECTION 7. Section 42-7.2-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-7.2 entitled "Office of

1 Health and Human Services" is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 **42-7.2-10. Appropriations and disbursements.**

3 (a) The general assembly shall annually appropriate such sums as it may deem necessary
4 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this chapter. The state controller is hereby
5 authorized and directed to draw his or her orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of such
6 sum or sums, or so much thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt by him or her
7 of proper vouchers approved by the secretary of the executive office of health and human services,
8 or his or her designee.

9 (b) For the purpose of recording federal financial participation associated with qualifying
10 healthcare workforce development activities at the state's public institutions of higher education,
11 and pursuant to the Rhode Island designated state health programs (DSHP), as approved by the
12 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMC) October 20, 2016, in the 11-W-00242/1
13 amendment to Rhode Island's section 1115 Demonstration Waiver, there is hereby established a
14 restricted-receipt account entitled "Health System Transformation Project" in the general fund of
15 the state and included in the budget of the office of health and human services.

16 (c) There are hereby created within the general fund of the state and housed within the
17 budget of the office of health and human services two restricted receipt accounts, respectively
18 entitled "HCBS Support-ARPA" and HCBS Admin Support-ARPA". Amounts deposited into these
19 accounts are equivalent to the general revenue savings generated by the enhanced federal match
20 received on eligible home and community-based services between April 1, 2021 and March 31,
21 2022, allowable under Section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2. Funds
22 deposited into the "HCBS Support- ARPA" account will used to finance the state share of newly
23 eligible medicaid expenditures by the office of health and human services and its sister agencies,
24 including the department of children, youth, and families, the department of health, and the
25 department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals. Funds deposited into
26 the "HCBS Admin Support-ARPA" account will be used to finance the state share of allowable
27 administrative expenditures attendant to the implementation of these newly eligible medicaid
28 expenditures. The accounts created under this subsection shall be exempt from the indirect cost
29 recovery provisions of § 35-4-27 of the Rhode Island general laws.

30 (d) There is hereby created within the general fund of the state and housed within the budget
31 of the office of health and human services a restricted receipt account entitled "Rhode Island
32 Statewide Opioid Abatement Account" for the purpose of receiving and expending monies from
33 settlement agreements with opioid manufacturers, pharmaceutical distributors, pharmacies, or their
34 affiliates, as well as monies resulting from bankruptcy proceedings of the same entities. The

1 executive office of health and human services shall deposit any revenues from such sources that
2 are designated for opioid abatement purposes into the restricted receipt account. Funds from this
3 account shall only to be used for forward-looking opioid abatement efforts as defined and limited
4 by any settlement agreements, state-city and town agreements, or court orders pertaining to the use
5 of such funds. By January 1 of each calendar year, the secretary of health and human services shall
6 report to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and
7 the attorney general on the expenditures that were funded using monies from the Rhode Island
8 statewide opioid abatement account and the amount of funds spent. The account created under this
9 subsection shall be exempt from the indirect cost recovery provisions of § 35-4-27 of the Rhode
10 Island General Laws. No governmental entity has the authority to assert a claim against the entities
11 with which the attorney general has entered into settlement agreements concerning the
12 manufacturing, marketing, distributing, or selling of opioids that are the subject of the Rhode Island
13 Memorandum of Understanding Between the State and Cities and Towns Receiving Opioid
14 Settlement Funds executed by every city and town and the attorney general and wherein every city
15 and town agreed to release all such claims against these settling entities, and any amendment
16 thereto. Governmental entity means any state or local governmental entity or sub-entity and
17 includes, but is not limited to, school districts, fire districts, and any other such districts. The claims
18 that shall not be asserted are the released claims, as that term is defined in the settlement agreements
19 executed by the attorney general, or, if not defined therein, the claims sought to be released in such
20 settlement agreements.

21 SECTION 8. Section 7 of this Article shall take effect as of July 1, 2021. Sections 1 through
22 6 of this Article shall take effect as of July 1, 2022.