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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - STATE BUDGET

Introduced By: Representatives Melo, Naughton, Jackson, Gallison, and Valencia

Date Introduced: January 11, 2012

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 35-3-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-3 entitled "State Budget"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **35-3-7. Submission of budget to general assembly -- Contents. --** (a) On or before the
4 third Thursday in January in each year of each January session of the general assembly, the
5 governor shall submit to the general assembly a budget containing a complete plan of estimated
6 revenues and proposed expenditures, with a personnel supplement detailing the number and titles
7 of positions of each agency and the estimates of personnel costs for the next fiscal year. Provided,
8 however, in those years that a new governor is inaugurated, the new governor shall submit the
9 budget on or before the first Thursday in February. In the budget the governor may set forth in
10 summary and detail:

11 (1) Estimates of the receipts of the state during the ensuing fiscal year under laws
12 existing at the time the budget is transmitted and also under the revenue proposals, if any,
13 contained in the budget, and comparisons with the estimated receipts of the state during the
14 current fiscal year, as well as actual receipts of the state for the last two (2) completed fiscal
15 years.

16 (2) Estimates of the expenditures and appropriations necessary in the governor's
17 judgment for the support of the state government for the ensuing fiscal year, and comparisons
18 with appropriations for expenditures during the current fiscal year, as well as actual expenditures
19 of the state for the last two (2) complete fiscal years.

1 (3) Financial statements of the
2 (i) Condition of the treasury at the end of the last completed fiscal year;
3 (ii) The estimated condition of the treasury at the end of the current fiscal year; and
4 (iii) Estimated condition of the treasury at the end of the ensuing fiscal year if the
5 financial proposals contained in the budget are adopted.
6 (4) All essential facts regarding the bonded and other indebtedness of the state.
7 (5) A report indicating those program revenues and expenditures whose funding source
8 is proposed to be changed from state appropriations to restricted receipts, or from restricted
9 receipts to other funding sources.
10 (6) Such other financial statements and data as in the governor's opinion are necessary or
11 desirable.
12 (b) Any other provision of the general laws to the contrary notwithstanding, the proposed
13 appropriations submitted by the governor to the general assembly for the next ensuing fiscal year
14 should not be more than five and one-half percent (5.5%) in excess of total state appropriations,
15 excluding any estimated supplemental appropriations, enacted by the general assembly for the
16 fiscal year previous to that for which the proposed appropriations are being submitted; provided,
17 that the increased state share provisions required to achieve fifty percent (50%) state financing of
18 local school operations as provided for in P.L. 1985, ch. 182, shall be excluded from the
19 definition of total appropriations.
20 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 35-3-7(a), the governor shall submit to
21 the general assembly a budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 not later than the fourth
22 (4th) Thursday in January 2005.
23 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 35-3-7(a), the governor shall submit to
24 the general assembly a supplemental budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 and/or a
25 budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 not later than Thursday, January 26, 2006.
26 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 35-3-7(a), the governor shall submit to
27 the general assembly a supplemental budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 and/or a
28 budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 not later than Wednesday, January 31, 2007.
29 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 35-3-7(a), the governor shall submit to
30 the general assembly a budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 not later than Thursday,
31 March 10, 2011.
32 [\(g\) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 35-3-7\(a\), the governor shall submit to](#)
33 [the general assembly a budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 not later than Tuesday,](#)
34 [January 31, 2012.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would require the governor to submit to the general assembly a budget for the
- 2 fiscal year ending 2013 not later than January 31, 2012.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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