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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Introduced By: Senators Pearson, Goldin, and Cool Rumsey

Date Introduced: May 02, 2013

Referred To: Senate Finance

(Governor)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 35-1.1-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-1.1 entitled "Office of  
2 Management and Budget" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **35-1.1-10. Organizational reviews and special initiatives.** -- (a) The director of the  
4 office of management and budget is hereby directed to conduct research and analysis to study the  
5 programs of the department of transportation and other quasi-transportation related agencies not  
6 limited to bridge, vehicle and winter maintenance efficiencies and effectiveness. The director of  
7 the office of management and budget is authorized to consult with the appropriate federal  
8 agencies and departments that provide funds to, or delegate authority to, the state department of  
9 transportation and other quasi-transportation related agencies.

10           (b) This plan shall address the goal of improving efficiency of transportation programs;  
11 identifying similar programs that are being performed.

12           (c) The office of management and budget is directed to report findings,  
13 recommendations, and alternative designs to the governor and general assembly no later than  
14 November 1, 2012 with copies to the governor, speaker of the house, senate president, chairs of  
15 the house and senate finance committees and their respective fiscal advisors.

16           (d) The report shall include a strategic plan that outlines the mission, goals, the estimated  
17 cost and timelines to implement said recommendations, and the federal and state mandates  
18 associated with the current programs. The report shall provide a clear definition of roles and  
19 responsibilities, including those responsible for implementing the proposed recommendations.

1 The analysis shall develop outcome measures and an appropriate timeline to measure  
2 implementation progress. It shall also include:

3 (1) An examination of the various organizational structures in other states, evaluating  
4 their strengths and weaknesses, and how they may or may not be applicable in Rhode Island. This  
5 should include an evaluation of the best practices regarding efficiencies.

6 (2) An analysis of what programs and responsibilities could be more efficiently  
7 implemented and managed. This should include, but not be limited to, strategies to reorganize and  
8 or centralize transportation programs.

9 (3) An evaluation of the federal, state and other revenues that support these programs,  
10 and the impacts on revenues and expenses associated with the alternatives and recommendations.

11 (e) The department of transportation and other quasi-transportation related agencies shall  
12 furnish such advice and information, documentary or otherwise, to the director of the office of  
13 management and budget as is deemed necessary or desirable to facilitate the purposes of the  
14 study.

15 (f) The office of management and budget shall, in coordination with the office of health  
16 and human services, complete a comprehensive mapping initiative to clearly define the  
17 prevention, detection, investigation and recoupment of funds processes across the state agencies  
18 that are primarily responsible for combating fraud in the Medicaid and public assistance service  
19 systems. This mapping initiative shall include, but not be limited to, the following tasks:

20 (1) Mapping business processes within Medicaid and public assistance programs;

21 (2) Identifying points within Medicaid and public assistance programs that are vulnerable  
22 to fraud and abuse;

23 (3) Establishing performance measures that accurately reflect the ability to prevent and  
24 detect fraud in the applicant eligibility determination stage;

25 (4) Identifying processes that can be improved and activities and resources that can be  
26 reallocated to prevention;

27 (5) Reengineering technological and organizational processes to improve prevention and  
28 detection of fraud during eligibility determination and after to ensure recipient eligibility; and

29 (6) Monitoring performance measures and recommending corrective action, as needed.

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

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