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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET

Introduced By: Representatives DeSimone, Gallison, and Newberry

Date Introduced: February 03, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

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, and with
8 the inventory required by § 35-1.1-3(b)(4). Provided, however, in those years that a new governor
9 is inaugurated, the new governor shall submit the budget on or before the first Thursday in
10 February. In the budget the governor may set forth in 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 § 35-3-7(a), the governor shall submit to the
- 21 general assembly a budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, not later than the fourth (4th)
- 22 Thursday in January 2005.
- 23 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 35-3-7(a), the governor shall submit to the
- 24 general assembly a supplemental budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, and/or a budget
- 25 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, not later than Thursday, January 26, 2006.
- 26 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 35-3-7(a), the governor shall submit to the
- 27 general assembly a supplemental budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and/or a budget
- 28 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, not later than Wednesday, January 31, 2007.
- 29 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 35-3-7(a), the governor shall submit to the
- 30 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 § 35-3-7(a), the governor shall submit to the
- 33 general assembly a budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, not later than Tuesday,
- 34 January 31, 2012.

1 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 35-3-7(a), the governor shall submit to the
2 general assembly a budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, not later than Thursday,
3 March 12, 2015.

4 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 extend the deadline for the governor to submit to the general assembly the
- 2 budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, not later than Thursday, March 12, 2015.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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