

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30

## ARTICLE 2

### RELATING TO STATE FUNDS

SECTION 1. Section 23-3-25 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-3 entitled “Vital Records” is hereby amended to read as follows:

**23-3-25. Fees for copies and searches.**

(a) The state registrar shall charge fees for searches and copies as follows:

(1) For a search of two (2) consecutive calendar years under one name and for issuance of a certified copy of a certificate of birth, fetal death, death, or marriage, or a certification of birth, or a certification that the record cannot be found, and each duplicate copy of a certificate or certification issued at the same time, the fee is as set forth in § 23-1-54.

(2) For each additional calendar year search, if applied for at the same time or within three (3) months of the original request and if proof of payment for the basic search is submitted, the fee is as set forth in § 23-1-54.

(3) For providing expedited service, the additional handling fee is as set forth in § 23-1-54.

(4) For processing of adoptions, legitimations, or paternity determinations as specified in §§ 23-3-14 and 23-3-15, there shall be a fee as set forth in § 23-1-54.

(5) For making authorized corrections, alterations, and additions, the fee is as set forth in § 23-1-54; provided, no fee shall be collected for making authorized corrections or alterations and additions on records filed before one year of the date on which the event recorded has occurred.

(6) For examination of documentary proof and the filing of a delayed record, there is a fee as set forth in § 23-1-54; and there is an additional fee as set forth in § 23-1-54 for the issuance of a certified copy of a delayed record.

(b) Fees collected under this section by the state registrar shall be deposited in the general fund of this state, according to the procedures established by the state treasurer.

(c) The local registrar shall charge fees for searches and copies of records as follows:

(1) For a search of two (2) consecutive calendar years under one name and for issuance of a certified copy of a certificate of birth, fetal death, death, delayed birth, or marriage, or a certification of birth or a certification that the record cannot be found, the fee is twenty dollars (\$20.00). For each duplicate copy of a certificate or certification issued at the same time, the fee is fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

1 (2) For each additional calendar year search, if applied for at the same time or within three  
2 (3) months of the original request and if proof of payment for the basic search is submitted, the fee  
3 is two dollars (\$2.00).

4 (d) Fees collected under this section by the local registrar shall be deposited in the city or  
5 town treasury according to the procedures established by the city or town treasurer except that six  
6 dollars (\$6.00) of the certified copy fees shall be submitted to the state registrar for deposit in the  
7 general fund of this state.

8 (e) To acquire, maintain, and operate an electronic statewide registration system (ESRS),  
9 the state registrar shall assess a surcharge of no more than five dollars (\$5.00) for a mail-in certified  
10 records request, no more than three dollars (\$3.00) for each duplicate certified record, and no more  
11 than two dollars (\$2.00) for a walk-in certified records request or a certified copy of a vital record  
12 requested for a local registrar. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d), any such  
13 surcharges collected by the local registrar shall be submitted to the state registrar. Any funds  
14 collected from the surcharges listed above shall be deposited into the ~~information technology~~  
15 ~~investment fund (ITIF)~~ information technology restricted receipt account (ITRR account)  
16 established pursuant to § 42-11-2.5(a).

17 SECTION 2. Section 31-2-27 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-2 entitled "Division of  
18 Motor Vehicles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 **31-2-27. Technology surcharge fee.**

20 (a) The division of motor vehicles shall collect a technology surcharge fee of two dollars  
21 and fifty cents (\$2.50) per transaction for every division of motor vehicles' fee transaction, except  
22 as otherwise provided by law and provided no surcharge fee is assessed on motor vehicle inspection  
23 transactions conducted pursuant to § 31-38-4. One dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) of each two dollars  
24 and fifty cents (\$2.50) collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited into the information  
25 technology ~~investment fund~~ restricted receipt account (ITRR account) established pursuant to § 42-  
26 11-2.5(a) and shall be used for project-related payments and/or ongoing maintenance of and  
27 enhancements to the division of motor vehicles' computer system and to reimburse the information  
28 technology investment fund for advances made to cover project-related payments. The remaining  
29 one dollar (\$1.00) shall be deposited into a restricted-receipt account managed by the division of  
30 motor vehicles and restricted to the project-related payments and/or ongoing maintenance of and  
31 enhancements to the division of motor vehicles' computer system.

32 (b) [Deleted by P.L. 2019, ch. 88, art. 7, § 1].

33 (c) Beginning July 1, 2022, the full two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) shall be deposited  
34 into the division of motor vehicles restricted account and restricted to the project-related payments

1 and/or ongoing maintenance of and enhancements to the division of motor vehicles' computer  
2 system.

3 SECTION 3. Chapter 35-3-20 of the General Laws entitled "State Budget" is hereby  
4 amended by adding thereto the following section:

5 **35-3-20.2. Supplemental state budget reserve account.**

6 (a) There is hereby created within the general fund a supplemental state budget reserve  
7 account, which shall be administered by the state controller and which shall be used solely for the  
8 purpose of providing such sums as may be appropriated to fund any unanticipated general revenue  
9 deficit caused by a general revenue shortfall.

10 (b) At any time after the third quarter of a fiscal year that it is indicated that total resources  
11 which are defined to be the aggregate of estimated general revenue, general revenue receivables,  
12 and available free surplus in the general fund will be less than the estimates upon which current  
13 appropriations were based, the general assembly may make appropriations from the supplemental  
14 state budget reserve account for the difference between the estimated total resources and the  
15 original estimates upon which enacted appropriations were based, but only in the amount of the  
16 difference based upon the revenues projected at the latest state revenue estimating conference  
17 pursuant to chapter 16 of this title as reported by the chairperson of that conference.

18 (c) Whenever a transfer has been made pursuant to subsection (b), that transfer shall be  
19 considered as estimated general revenues for the purposes of determining the amount to be  
20 transferred to the Rhode Island Capital Plan fund for the purposes of § 35-3-20.1(b).

21 (d) The supplemental state budget reserve account shall consist of such sums as the state  
22 may from time to time directly transfer to the account as authorized in law.

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

25 **35-4-27. Indirect cost recoveries on restricted receipt accounts.**

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

34 Executive Office of Health and Human Services

1 Organ Transplant Fund  
2 HIV Care Grant Drug Rebates  
3 Health System Transformation Project  
4 Rhode Island Statewide Opioid Abatement Account  
5 HCBS Support-ARPA  
6 HCBS Admin Support-ARPA  
7 Department of Human Services  
8 Veterans' home — Restricted account  
9 Veterans' home — Resident benefits  
10 Pharmaceutical Rebates Account  
11 Demand Side Management Grants  
12 Veteran's Cemetery Memorial Fund  
13 Donations — New Veterans' Home Construction  
14 Department of Health  
15 Pandemic medications and equipment account  
16 Miscellaneous Donations/Grants from Non-Profits  
17 State Loan Repayment Match  
18 Healthcare Information Technology  
19 Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals  
20 Eleanor Slater non-Medicaid third-party payor account  
21 Hospital Medicare Part D Receipts  
22 RICLAS Group Home Operations  
23 Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
24 Emergency and public communication access account  
25 Department of Environmental Management  
26 National heritage revolving fund  
27 Environmental response fund II  
28 Underground storage tanks registration fees  
29 De Coppet Estate Fund  
30 Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission  
31 Historic preservation revolving loan fund  
32 Historic Preservation loan fund — Interest revenue  
33 Department of Public Safety  
34 E-911 Uniform Emergency Telephone System

1 Forfeited property — Retained  
2 Forfeitures — Federal  
3 Forfeited property — Gambling  
4 Donation — Polygraph and Law Enforcement Training  
5 Rhode Island State Firefighter’s League Training Account  
6 Fire Academy Training Fees Account  
7 Attorney General  
8 Forfeiture of property  
9 Federal forfeitures  
10 Attorney General multi-state account  
11 Forfeited property — Gambling  
12 Department of Administration  
13 OER Reconciliation Funding  
14 Health Insurance Market Integrity Fund  
15 RI Health Benefits Exchange  
16 Information Technology ~~Investment Fund~~ [restricted receipt account](#)  
17 Restore and replacement — Insurance coverage  
18 Convention Center Authority rental payments  
19 Investment Receipts — TANS  
20 OPEB System Restricted Receipt Account  
21 Car Rental Tax/Surcharge-Warwick Share  
22 Grants Management Administration  
23 [Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council Projects](#)  
24 Executive Office of Commerce  
25 Housing Resources Commission Restricted Account  
26 Housing Production Fund  
27 Department of Revenue  
28 DMV Modernization Project  
29 Jobs Tax Credit Redemption Fund  
30 Legislature  
31 Audit of federal assisted programs  
32 Department of Children, Youth and Families  
33 Children’s Trust Accounts — SSI  
34 Military Staff

1 RI Military Family Relief Fund  
2 RI National Guard Counterdrug Program  
3 Treasury  
4 Admin. Expenses — State Retirement System  
5 Retirement — Treasury Investment Options  
6 Defined Contribution — Administration - RR  
7 Violent Crimes Compensation — Refunds  
8 Treasury Research Fellowship  
9 Business Regulation  
10 Banking Division Reimbursement Account  
11 Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner Reimbursement Account  
12 Securities Division Reimbursement Account  
13 Commercial Licensing and Racing and Athletics Division Reimbursement Account  
14 Insurance Division Reimbursement Account  
15 Historic Preservation Tax Credit Account  
16 Marijuana Trust Fund  
17 Social Equity Assistance Fund  
18 Judiciary  
19 Arbitration Fund Restricted Receipt Account  
20 Third-Party Grants  
21 RI Judiciary Technology Surcharge Account  
22 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education  
23 Statewide Student Transportation Services Account  
24 School for the Deaf Fee-for-Service Account  
25 School for the Deaf — School Breakfast and Lunch Program  
26 Davies Career and Technical School Local Education Aid Account  
27 Davies — National School Breakfast & Lunch Program  
28 School Construction Services  
29 Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner  
30 Higher Education and Industry Center  
31 IGT STEM Scholarships  
32 Department of Labor and Training  
33 Job Development Fund  
34 Rhode Island Council on the Arts

1           Governors' Portrait Donation Fund  
2           Statewide records management system account

3           SECTION 5. Section 37-2-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 37-2 entitled "State  
4 Purchases Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

5           **37-2-12. Centralization of the procurement authority.**

6           (a) All rights, powers, duties, and authority relating to the procurement of supplies,  
7 services, and construction, and the management, control, warehousing, sale, and disposal of  
8 supplies, services, and construction now vested in or exercised by any state agency under the  
9 several statutes relating thereto are hereby transferred to the chief purchasing officer as provided  
10 in this chapter, subject to the provisions of § 37-2-54. A public agency does not have to utilize the  
11 centralized purchasing of the state but the public agency, through its existing internal purchasing  
12 function, shall adhere to the general principles, policies and practices set forth in this chapter.

13           (b) The chief purchasing officer, as defined in § 37-2-7(3)(i), may establish, charge, and  
14 collect from state contractors, listed on master-price agreements, a statewide contract  
15 administrative fee not to exceed one percent (1%) of the total value of the annual spend against a  
16 contract awarded to a state contractor. All statewide contract administrative fees collected pursuant  
17 to this subsection shall be deposited into a restricted-receipt account within the general fund  
18 designated as the "division of purchases administrative-fee account" and shall be used for the  
19 purposes of implementing technology for the submission and processing of bids, online vendor  
20 registration, bid notification, and other costs related to state procurement. On or before January 15,  
21 2019, and annually thereafter on or before January 15, the chief purchasing officer or designee shall  
22 file a report with the governor, the speaker of the house, and the president of the senate detailing:

23           (i) The total amount of funds collected and deposited into the division of purchases  
24 administrative-fee account for the most recently completed fiscal year;

25           (ii) The account balance as of the date of the report;

26           (iii) An itemization of all expenditures and other uses of said funds from said account for  
27 the most recently completed fiscal year; and

28           (iv) An annual evaluation as to the appropriateness of the amount of the contract  
29 administrative fee on master-price agreements.

30           (c) Subject to the approval of the director of the department of administration, the state  
31 controller is authorized to offset any currently recorded outstanding liability on the part of  
32 developmental disability organizations (DDOs) to repay previously authorized startup capital  
33 advances against the proceeds from the sale of group homes within a fiscal year prior to any sale

1 proceeds being deposited into the information technology ~~investment fund~~ restricted receipt  
2 account established pursuant to § 42-11-2.5(a).

3 SECTION 6. Section 37-7-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 37-7 entitled “Management  
4 and Disposal of Property” is hereby amended to read as follows:

5 **37-7-15. Sale of state-owned land, buildings and improvements thereon and other real**  
6 **property.**

7 (a) Total annual proceeds from the sale of any land and the buildings and improvements  
8 thereon, and other real property, title to which is vested in the state of Rhode Island or title to which  
9 will be vested in the state upon completion of any condemnation or other proceedings, shall be  
10 transferred to the information technology restricted receipt account (ITRR account) and made  
11 available for the purposes outlined in § 42-11-2.5(a), unless otherwise prohibited by federal law.

12 (b) Provided, however, this shall not include proceeds from the sale of any land and the  
13 buildings and improvements thereon that will be created by the relocation of interstate route 195,  
14 which is sometimes collectively referred to as the “I-195 Surplus Land,” which land is identified  
15 in the “Rhode Island Interstate 195 Relocation Surplus Land: Redevelopment and Market Analysis”  
16 prepared by CKS Architecture & Urban Design dated 2009, and such term means those certain  
17 tracts or parcels of land situated in the city of Providence, county of Providence, state of Rhode  
18 Island, delineated on that certain plan of land captioned “Improvements to Interstate Route 195,  
19 Providence, Rhode Island, Proposed Development Parcel Plans 1 through 10, Scale: 1”

20 (c) Subject to the approval of the director of the department of administration, the state  
21 controller is authorized to offset any currently recorded outstanding liability on the part of  
22 developmental disability organizations (DDOs) to repay previously authorized startup capital  
23 advances against the proceeds from the sale of group homes within a fiscal year prior to any sale  
24 proceeds being deposited into the information technology investment fund.

25 SECTION 7. Section. 39-18.1-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-18.1 entitled  
26 "Transportation Investment and Debt Reduction Act of 2011" is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 **39-18.1-4. Rhode Island highway maintenance account created.**

28 (a) There is hereby created a special account in the intermodal surface transportation fund  
29 as established in § 31-36-20 that is to be known as the Rhode Island highway maintenance account.

30 (b) The fund shall consist of all those moneys that the state may, from time to time, direct  
31 to the fund, including, but not necessarily limited to, moneys derived from the following sources:

32 (1) There is imposed a surcharge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per vehicle or truck, other than  
33 those with specific registrations set forth below in subsection (b)(1)(i). Such surcharge shall be paid  
34 by each vehicle or truck owner in order to register that owner’s vehicle or truck and upon each



1 subsequent biennial registration. This surcharge shall be phased in at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00)  
2 each year. The total surcharge will be ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2013, through June 30,  
3 2014, twenty dollars (\$20.00) from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, and thirty dollars (\$30.00)  
4 from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, and each year thereafter.

5 (i) For owners of vehicles or trucks with the following plate types, the surcharge shall be  
6 as set forth below and shall be paid in full in order to register the vehicle or truck and upon each  
7 subsequent renewal:

8	<b>Plate Type</b>	<b>Surcharge</b>
9	Antique	\$5.00
10	Farm	\$10.00
11	Motorcycle	\$13.00

12 (ii) For owners of trailers, the surcharge shall be one-half (½) of the biennial registration  
13 amount and shall be paid in full in order to register the trailer and upon each subsequent renewal;

14 (2) There is imposed a surcharge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per vehicle or truck, other than  
15 those with specific registrations set forth in subsection (b)(2)(i) below, for those vehicles or trucks  
16 subject to annual registration, to be paid annually by each vehicle or truck owner in order to register  
17 that owner's vehicle or truck and upon each subsequent annual registration. This surcharge will be  
18 phased in at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) each year. The total surcharge will be five dollars (\$5.00)  
19 from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, ten dollars (\$10.00) from July 1, 2014, through June 30,  
20 2015, and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, and each year  
21 thereafter.

22 (i) For registrations of the following plate types, the surcharge shall be as set forth below  
23 and shall be paid in full in order to register the plate, and upon each subsequent renewal:

24	<b>Plate Type</b>	<b>Surcharge</b>
25	Boat Dealer	\$6.25
26	Cycle Dealer	\$6.25
27	In-transit	\$5.00
28	Manufacturer	\$5.00
29	New Car Dealer	\$5.00
30	Used Car Dealer	\$5.00
31	Racer Tow	\$5.00
32	Transporter	\$5.00
33	Bailee	\$5.00

1 (ii) For owners of trailers, the surcharge shall be one-half (½) of the annual registration  
2 amount and shall be paid in full in order to register the trailer and upon each subsequent renewal.

3 (iii) For owners of school buses, the surcharge will be phased in at the rate of six dollars  
4 and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) each year. The total surcharge will be six dollars and twenty-five  
5 cents (\$6.25) from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, and twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50)  
6 from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, and each year thereafter;

7 (3) There is imposed a surcharge of thirty dollars (\$30.00) per license to operate a motor  
8 vehicle to be paid every five (5) years by each licensed operator of a motor vehicle. This surcharge  
9 will be phased in at the rate of ten dollars (\$10.00) each year. The total surcharge will be ten dollars  
10 (\$10.00) from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, twenty dollars (\$20.00) from July 1, 2014,  
11 through June 30, 2015, and thirty dollars (\$30.00) from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, and  
12 each year thereafter. In the event that a license is issued or renewed for a period of less than five  
13 (5) years, the surcharge will be prorated according to the period of time the license will be valid;

14 (4) All fees assessed pursuant to § 31-47.1-11, and chapters 3, 6, 10, and 10.1 of title 31,  
15 ~~except for fees assessed pursuant to §§ 31-10-31(6) and (8),~~ shall be deposited into the Rhode  
16 Island highway maintenance account, provided that for fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018 these fees  
17 be transferred as follows:

18 (i) From July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, twenty-five percent (25%) will be deposited;

19 (ii) From July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, fifty percent (50%) will be deposited;

20 (iii) From July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018, sixty percent (60%) will be deposited; and

21 (iv) From July 1, 2018, and each year thereafter, one hundred percent (100%) will be  
22 deposited;

23 (5) All remaining funds from previous general obligation bond issues that have not  
24 otherwise been allocated.

25 (c) Effective July 1, 2019, ninety-five percent (95%) of all funds collected pursuant to this  
26 section shall be deposited in the Rhode Island highway maintenance account and shall be used only  
27 for the purposes set forth in this chapter. The remaining funds shall be retained as general revenues  
28 to partially offset cost of collections

29 (d) Unexpended balances and any earnings thereon shall not revert to the general fund but  
30 shall remain in the Rhode Island highway maintenance account. There shall be no requirement that  
31 monies received into the Rhode Island highway maintenance account during any given calendar  
32 year or fiscal year be expended during the same calendar year or fiscal year.

1 (e) The Rhode Island highway maintenance account shall be administered by the director,  
2 who shall allocate and spend monies from the fund only in accordance with the purposes and  
3 procedures set forth in this chapter.

4 SECTION 8. Section 39-21.1-14 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-21.1 entitled "911  
5 Emergency Telephone Number Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 **39-21.1-14. E-911 surcharge and first response surcharge.**

7 (a)(1) A monthly E-911 surcharge of fifty cents (\$.50) is hereby levied upon each residence  
8 and business telephone line or trunk, or path and data, telephony, internet, voice over internet  
9 protocol (VoIP) wireline, line, trunk, or path in the state including PBX trunks and centrex  
10 equivalent trunks and each line or trunk serving, and upon each user interface number or extension  
11 number or similarly identifiable line, trunk, or path to or from a digital network (such as, but not  
12 exclusive of, integrated services digital network (ISDN), Flexpath, or comparable digital private  
13 branch exchange, or connecting to or from a customer-based or dedicated telephone switch site  
14 (such as, but not exclusive of, a private branch exchange (PBX)), or connecting to or from a  
15 customer-based or dedicated central office (such as, but not exclusive of, a centrex system but  
16 exclusive of trunks and lines provided to wireless communication companies) that can access to,  
17 connect with, or interface with the Rhode Island E-911 uniform emergency telephone system (RI  
18 E-911). In each instance where a surcharge is levied pursuant to this subsection (a)(1) there shall  
19 also be a monthly first response surcharge of fifty cents (\$.50). The surcharges shall be billed by  
20 each telecommunication services provider at the inception of services and shall be payable to the  
21 telecommunication services provider by the subscriber of the services.

22 (2) A monthly E-911 surcharge of fifty cents (\$.50) is hereby levied on each wireless  
23 instrument, device, or means, including prepaid, cellular, telephony, internet, voice over internet  
24 protocol (VoIP), satellite, computer, radio, communication, data or data only wireless lines, or any  
25 other wireless instrument, device, or means that has access to, connects with, or activates or  
26 interfaces or any combination thereof with the E-911 uniform emergency telephone system. In each  
27 instance where a surcharge is levied pursuant to this subsection (a)(2) there shall also be a monthly  
28 first response surcharge of seventy-five cents (\$.75). The surcharges shall be billed by each  
29 telecommunication services provider and shall be payable to the telecommunication services  
30 provider by the subscriber. Prepaid wireless telecommunications services shall not be included in  
31 this act, but shall be governed by chapter 21.2 of this title. The E-911 uniform emergency telephone  
32 system shall establish, by rule or regulation, an appropriate funding mechanism to recover from the  
33 general body of ratepayers this surcharge.

1 (b) The amount of the surcharges shall not be subject to the tax imposed under chapter 18  
2 of title 44 nor be included within the telephone common carrier's gross earnings for the purpose of  
3 computing the tax under chapter 13 of title 44.

4 (c) Each telephone common carrier and each telecommunication services provider shall  
5 establish a special account to which it shall deposit on a monthly basis the amounts collected as  
6 surcharges under this section.

7 (d) The money collected by each telecommunication services provider shall be transferred  
8 within sixty (60) days after its inception of wireline, wireless, prepaid, cellular, telephony, voice  
9 over internet protocol (VoIP), satellite, computer, internet, or communications services in this state  
10 and every month thereafter, to the division of taxation, together with the accrued interest. The E-  
11 911 surcharge shall be deposited in a restricted-receipt account and used solely for the operation of  
12 the E-911 uniform emergency telephone system. The first response surcharge shall be deposited in  
13 the general fund; provided, however, that ten percent (10%) of the money collected from the first  
14 response surcharge shall be deposited in the information technology ~~investment fund~~ restricted  
15 receipt account (ITRR account) established pursuant to § 42-11-2.5(a). Any money not transferred  
16 in accordance with this subsection shall be assessed interest at the rate set forth in § 44-1-7 from  
17 the date the money should have been transferred.

18 (e) Every billed subscriber-user shall be liable for any surcharge imposed under this section  
19 until it has been paid to the telephone common carrier or telecommunication services provider. Any  
20 surcharge shall be added to and shall be stated separately in the billing by the telephone common  
21 carrier or telecommunication services provider and shall be collected by the telephone common  
22 carrier or telecommunication services provider.

23 (f) Each telephone common carrier and telecommunication services provider shall annually  
24 provide the E-911 uniform emergency telephone system division, or any other agency that may  
25 replace it, with a list of amounts uncollected, together with the names and addresses of its  
26 subscriber-users who can be determined by the telephone common carrier or telecommunication  
27 services provider to have not paid the E-911 surcharge.

28 (g) Included within, but not limited to, the purposes for which the money collected from  
29 the E-911 surcharge may be used, are rent, lease, purchase, improvement, construction,  
30 maintenance, repair, and utilities for the equipment and site or sites occupied by the E-911 uniform  
31 emergency telephone system; salaries, benefits, and other associated personnel costs; acquisition,  
32 upgrade, or modification of PSAP equipment to be capable of receiving E-911 information,  
33 including necessary computer hardware, software, and database provisioning, addressing, and non-  
34 recurring costs of establishing emergency services; network development, operation, and

1 maintenance; database development, operation, and maintenance; on-premise equipment  
2 maintenance and operation; training emergency service personnel regarding use of E-911;  
3 educating consumers regarding the operations, limitations, role, and responsible use of E-911;  
4 reimbursement to telephone common carriers or telecommunication services providers of rates or  
5 recurring costs associated with any services, operation, administration, or maintenance of E-911  
6 services as approved by the division; reimbursement to telecommunication services providers or  
7 telephone common carriers of other costs associated with providing E-911 services, including the  
8 cost of the design, development, and implementation of equipment or software necessary to provide  
9 E-911 service information to PSAPs, as approved by the division.

10 (h) [Deleted by P.L. 2000, ch. 55, art. 28, § 1.]

11 (i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to constitute rate regulation of wireless  
12 communication services carriers, nor shall this section be construed to prohibit wireless  
13 communication services carriers from charging subscribers for any wireless service or feature.

14 (j) [Deleted by P.L. 2006, ch. 246, art. 4, § 1.]

15 SECTION 9. Sections 42-11-2.5, 42-11-2.6, 42-11-2.8 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-  
16 11 entitled "Department of Administration" are hereby amended to read as follows:

17 **42-11-2.5. Information technology ~~investment fund~~ restricted receipt account and**  
18 **large systems initiatives fund.**

19 (a) All sums from the sale of any land and the buildings and improvements thereon, and  
20 other real property, title to which is vested in the state, except as provided in §§ 37-7-15(b) and 37-  
21 7-15(c), shall be transferred to an information technology ~~investment fund~~ restricted-receipt  
22 account (ITRR account) that is hereby established. This ~~fund~~ ITRR account shall consist of such  
23 sums from the sale of any land and the buildings and improvements thereon, and other real property,  
24 title to which is vested in the state, except as provided in §§ 37-7-15(b) and 37-7-15(c), as well as  
25 a share of first response surcharge revenues collected under the provisions of § 39-21.1-14. This  
26 ~~fund~~ ITRR account may also consist of such sums as the state may from time to time appropriate;  
27 as well as money received from the disposal of information technology ~~equipment~~hardware, loan,  
28 interest, and service charge payments from benefiting state agencies; as well as interest earnings,  
29 money received from the federal government, gifts, bequest, donations, or otherwise from any  
30 public or private source. Any such funds shall be exempt from the indirect cost recovery provisions  
31 of § 35-4-27.

32 ~~(b)~~ (1) This ~~fund~~ ITRR account shall be used for the purpose of acquiring information  
33 technology improvements, including, but not limited to: hardware, software, consulting services,  
34 and ongoing maintenance and upgrade contracts for state departments and agencies.

1           ~~(2)~~ (2) The division of enterprise technology strategy and service of the Rhode Island  
2 department of administration shall adopt rules and regulations consistent with the purposes of this  
3 chapter and chapter 35 of this title, in order to provide for the orderly and equitable disbursement  
4 of funds from this ITRR account.

5           ~~(3)~~ (3) For all requests for proposals that are issued for information technology projects, a  
6 corresponding information technology project manager shall be assigned.

7           (b) There is also hereby established a special fund to be known as the large systems  
8 initiatives fund (LSI fund), separate and apart from the general fund of the state, to be administered  
9 by the chief information officer within the department of administration for the purpose of  
10 implementing and maintaining enterprise-wide software projects for executive branch departments.  
11 The LSI fund shall consist of such sums as the state may from time to time directly appropriate to  
12 the LSI fund.

13           (c) In the event that a project falls both within the purposes stated above for the ITRR  
14 account and the LSI fund, the chief digital officer for the division of enterprise technology strategy  
15 and service, or his or her designee, may determine the funding allocation between the ITRR and  
16 the LSI fund.

17           **42-11-2.6. Office of Digital Excellence established.**

18           (a) Within the department, division of enterprise technology strategy and services, there  
19 shall be established the Office of Digital Excellence. The purposes of the office shall be to move  
20 Rhode Island state government into the 21st century through the incorporation of innovation and  
21 modern digital capabilities throughout state government and to leverage technology to expand and  
22 improve the quality of services provided to Rhode Island citizens; to promote greater access to  
23 government and the internet throughout cities and towns; and to position Rhode Island as a national  
24 leader in e-government.

25           (b) Within the office, there shall be a chief digital officer who shall be appointed by the  
26 director of administration with the approval of the governor and who shall be in the unclassified  
27 service. The chief digital officer shall report to the director of administration and be required to:

28           (1) Manage the implementation of all new and mission-critical technology infrastructure  
29 projects and upgrades for state agencies. The division of enterprise technology strategy and  
30 services, established pursuant to § 42-11-2.8, shall continue to manage and support all day-to-day  
31 operations of the state's technology infrastructure, telecommunications, and associated  
32 applications;

33           (2) Increase the number of government services that can be provided online in order to  
34 allow residents and businesses to complete transactions in a more efficient and transparent manner;

1 (3) Improve the state's websites to provide timely information to online users and as many  
2 government services as possible online; and

3 (4) Establish, improve, and enhance the state's use of social media and mobile  
4 technological applications.

5 (c) The office shall coordinate its efforts with the division of enterprise technology strategy  
6 and services in order to plan, allocate, and implement projects supported by the information  
7 technology ~~investment fund~~ restricted receipt account (ITRR account) established pursuant to § 42-  
8 11-2.5(a) and the large systems initiatives fund (LSI fund) established pursuant to § 42-11-2.5(b).

9 (d) All intellectual property created as a result of work undertaken by employees of the  
10 office shall remain the property of the state of Rhode Island. Any patents applied for shall be in the  
11 name of the state.

12 (e) The director of administration may promulgate rules and regulations recommended by  
13 the chief digital officer in order to effectuate the purposes and requirements of this act.

14 (f) The chief digital officer shall report no later than January 31, 2013, and every January  
15 31 thereafter, to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the senate president  
16 regarding the implementation status of all technology infrastructure projects; website  
17 improvements; number of e-government transactions and revenues generated; projects supported  
18 by the information technology investment fund; and all other activities undertaken by the office.  
19 The report shall also include planned use for projects related to public safety communications and  
20 emergency services, recommendations on the development of and opportunities for shared  
21 implementation and delivery of these services among municipalities, and strategies for such shared  
22 services. The annual report shall be posted on the office's website.

23 **42-11-2.8. Division of enterprise technology strategy and services established.**

24 (a) **Established.** Within the department there shall be established the division of enterprise  
25 technology strategy and service (ETSS), which shall include the office of information technology,  
26 the office of digital excellence (ODE), and the office of library and information services (OLIS).  
27 Within ETSS, there shall be a chief digital officer in the unclassified service who shall oversee and  
28 manage the division and shall be appointed by the director of administration. Any prior reference  
29 in statute to the division of information technology shall now mean ETSS. The chief digital officer  
30 shall supervise the state's chief information officer, chief technology officer, chief information  
31 security officer, the directors of information technology, and all associated employees. The chief  
32 digital officer may promulgate rules and regulations in order to effectuate the purposes and  
33 requirements of this act.

1           **(b) Purposes; duties.** The purposes of ETSS shall be to align existing and future  
2 technology platforms, along with technical expertise, across the agencies of the executive branch.  
3 ETSS shall be responsible for managing and consolidating the strategy and budgets of the division,  
4 including the office of information technology, the office of library and information services and  
5 the office of digital excellence, and the information technology investment fund. The focus of ETSS  
6 will be to lead the strategic technology decisions and efforts across all of the executive branch state  
7 agencies; identify opportunities to implement technology solutions across state agencies to prevent  
8 duplication of systems and effort; as well as effectively support these solutions in an efficient  
9 manner. ETSS shall have the following duties:

10           (1) Manage the implementation of all new and mission-critical technology infrastructure  
11 projects and upgrades for state agencies. The office of information technology, under ETSS, shall  
12 manage and support all day-to-day operations of the state's technology infrastructure,  
13 telecommunications, and associated applications;

14           (2) Manage the office of digital excellence in order to ensure that large-scale technology  
15 projects are delivered in a timely manner in accordance with accepted best-industry practices;

16           (3) To oversee the chief of library services and the office of library and information  
17 services to ensure that this office fulfills its statutory duties in an effective manner;

18           (4) Coordinate efforts with the director of administration in order to plan, allocate, and  
19 implement projects supported by the information technology ~~investment fund~~ [restricted receipt](#)  
20 [account \(ITRR account\)](#) established pursuant to § 42-11-2.5(a) and the large systems initiatives  
21 [fund \(LSI fund\) established pursuant to § 42-11-2.5\(b\)](#);

22           (5) Supervise all intellectual property created as a result of work undertaken by employees  
23 of ETSS to ensure that ownership of this intellectual property remains with the state. Any patents  
24 applied for shall be in the name of the state.

25           **(c) Reporting.** The chief digital officer shall annually report no later than January 31 to  
26 the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the senate president regarding the  
27 implementation status of all technology infrastructure projects; website improvements; number of  
28 e-government transactions and revenues generated; projects supported by the information  
29 technology investment fund; and all other activities undertaken by the division. The annual report  
30 shall be posted on the ETSS website.

31           SECTION 10. This article shall take effect upon passage.