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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- BUREAU OF AUDITS

Introduced By: Representatives Melo, McCauley, Valencia, Carnevale, and Naughton

Date Introduced: March 02, 2011

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 35-7 of the General Laws entitled "Post Audit of Accounts" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **35-7-7.1. Subpoena power.** – The bureau of audits, with the approval of the director of
4 administration, shall have the authority to issue subpoenas to compel the production of all
5 witnesses, and all papers, documents, records, or other evidence in connection with any audit or
6 investigation conducted under the authority of this chapter. If necessary, the bureau of audits may
7 invoke the aid of the superior court to require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the
8 production of documentary evidence.

9 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 authorize the bureau of audits, with the approval of the director of
2 administration, to issue a witness subpoena or a subpoena for the production of documents and
3 records in connection with any audit or investigation.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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