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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - STATE BUDGET

Introduced By: Representatives Craven, Morin, and Canario

Date Introduced: March 26, 2015

Referred To: House Finance

(RI Judiciary)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 35-3-7.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-3 entitled "State
2 Budget" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **35-3-7.2. Budget officer as capital development officer. --** The budget officer shall be a
4 capital development program officer who shall be responsible for:

5 (1) The review of all capital development requests submitted by the various state
6 departments, as set forth in chapter 6 of title 42, which shall include all independent boards and
7 commissions and the capital development plans of the Narragansett Bay Commission, Rhode
8 Island Clean Water Finance Agency, the Lottery Commission, and all other public corporations,
9 as defined in chapter 18 of this title which plans would be subject to the provisions of § 35-18-3;
10 provided, that, except as provided for in this section, nothing in this section shall be construed to
11 [apply to the judiciary in accordance with §§ 35-3-1\(c\), 35-3-4\(a\) and 35-3-5](#) or limit the powers
12 of the board of governors for higher education as outlined in chapter 59 of title 16. Capital
13 development requests and plans shall be submitted in such form, with such explanation, in such
14 number of copies, and by such date as the budget officer may require. Copies shall also be
15 provided directly to the house fiscal advisor and the senate fiscal advisor.

16 (2) Preparation of a capital budget which shall specify which capital items are proposed
17 for presentation to the electorate at the next general election.

18 (3) The activities which will promote capital development planning and develop criteria
19 which can be used to determine appropriate levels of bonded indebtedness.

1 (4) Acting as chairperson of the capital development planning and oversight commission
2 which is to be appointed by the governor. The commission, in addition to recommending to the
3 governor the biennial capital budget, shall implement a long range capital development planning
4 process and shall be responsible for the development of an inventory of state assets to determine
5 the need and prioritization of capital improvements.

6 (5) Assisting the judiciary in the development of that portion of the judiciary's capital
7 development program involving annual general revenues.

8 ~~(5)~~(6) Working with the board of governors for higher education in the development by
9 the board of that portion of the board's capital development program involving annual general
10 revenues.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that the judiciary's budget would be exempt from control by the
2 budget officer of the capital development planning commission and that the budget officer would
3 only have the authority to assist the judiciary in the development of its budget.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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