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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE

Introduced By: Senators Sheehan, Ciccone, DaPonte, Bates, and Pinga

Date Introduced: March 10, 2011

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 35-3-24.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-3 entitled "State
2 Budget" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **35-3-24.1. Program performance measurement.** -- (a) Beginning with the fiscal year
4 ending June 30, 1997, the governor shall submit, as part of each budget submitted to the general
5 assembly pursuant to section 35-3-7, performance objectives for each program in the budget for
6 the ensuing fiscal year, estimated performance data for the fiscal year in which the budget is
7 submitted, and actual performance data for the preceding two (2) completed fiscal years.
8 Performance data shall include efforts at achieving equal opportunity hiring goals as defined in
9 the department's annual affirmative action plan. The governor shall, in addition, recommend
10 appropriate standards against which to measure program performance. Performance in prior years
11 may be used as a standard where appropriate. These performance standards shall be stated in
12 terms of results obtained.

13 (b) In years where performance standards were not achieved in the prior fiscal year, the
14 department or agency shall outline specific steps to be taken to meet the performance standards in
15 the next fiscal year. These steps shall be submitted with the governor's budget.

16 ~~(b)~~(c) The governor may submit, in lieu of any part of the information required to be
17 submitted pursuant to subsection (a), an explanation of why the information cannot, as a practical
18 matter be submitted.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require state departmental agencies which fail to achieve performance
2 standards in the prior fiscal year to outline and submit to the governor steps to be taken to meet
3 performance standards in the next fiscal year.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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