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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC  
TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Representatives M Rice, Walsh, and Naughton

Date Introduced: January 13, 2010

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 39-18-22 of the General Laws in Chapter 39-18 entitled "Rhode  
2 Island Public Transit Authority" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **39-18-22. State appropriations.** -- ~~The general assembly shall appropriate annually a~~  
4 ~~sum for the financial support of the operating expenses of the Rhode Island public transit~~  
5 ~~authority from certain proceeds of the motor fuel tax reserved for this purpose pursuant to section~~  
6 ~~31-36-20. The total amount of state subsidy disbursements in any fiscal year shall not exceed the~~  
7 ~~appropriation for that year. In the event that dedicated motor fuel tax revenues received during a~~  
8 ~~fiscal year are not sufficient to support the appropriation for that year, the difference shall be~~  
9 ~~transferred from the proceeds of the motor fuel tax imposed by chapter 36 of title 31. Funds~~  
10 ~~appropriated to the authority pursuant to this section shall be administered by the department of~~  
11 ~~transportation in accordance with procedures established jointly by the departments of~~  
12 ~~transportation and administration. The authority shall annually submit to the department of~~  
13 ~~transportation a comprehensive budget request for funds for the ensuing fiscal year. Prior to the~~  
14 ~~beginning of each fiscal year the authority shall enter into an agreement with the departments of~~  
15 ~~administration and transportation establishing the conditions for payment of the available state~~  
16 ~~and federal subsidies. The director of administration is authorized from time to time to advance~~  
17 ~~funds from the general fund to the Rhode Island public transit authority to be used for the purpose~~  
18 ~~of this section, in anticipation of transfers from the revenues reserved pursuant to section 31-36-~~

1 ~~20, provided that the aggregate of all advances less transfers, at any one time, shall not exceed the~~  
2 ~~total amount of the annual appropriation.~~ The general assembly shall appropriate annually a sum  
3 for the financial support of the operating expenses of the Rhode Island public transit authority  
4 from the general fund. The total amount of state subsidy disbursements in any fiscal year shall not  
5 exceed the appropriation for that year. Initial appropriations for fiscal year 2011 shall be  
6 equivalent to ninety-five percent (95%) of the mean average appropriation for each of the  
7 preceding fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010. Funds appropriated to the authority pursuant to this  
8 section shall be administered by the department of transportation, in accordance with procedures  
9 established jointly by the departments of transportation and administration. The authority shall  
10 annually submit to the department of transportation a comprehensive budget request for funds for  
11 the ensuing fiscal year. Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the authority shall enter into an  
12 agreement with the departments of administration and transportation establishing the conditions  
13 for payment of available state and federal subsidies.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require that effective July 1, 2010, the general assembly would annually  
2 appropriate a sum for the financial support of RIPTA from the general fund.  
3           This act would take effect on July 1, 2010.

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