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RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-30-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-30 entitled "Personal  
2 Income Tax" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **44-30-12. Rhode Island income of a resident individual.**

4 (a) **General.** The Rhode Island income of a resident individual means his or her adjusted  
5 gross income for federal income tax purposes, with the modifications specified in this section.

6 (1) As of January 1, 2025, adjusted gross income will exclude all overtime earned in the  
7 tax year. This exclusion shall only be applicable to tax years 2025 and 2026 unless extended.

8 (i) For the purposes of this section, overtime shall be defined as at least one and one-half  
9 (1½) times the regular rate of pay for any additional hours worked after the standard forty (40)  
10 hours. All parties exempt under § 28-12-4.3 continue to be exempt under this section.

11 (b) **Modifications increasing federal adjusted gross income.** There shall be added to  
12 federal adjusted gross income:

13 (1) Interest income on obligations of any state, or its political subdivisions, other than  
14 Rhode Island or its political subdivisions;

15 (2) Interest or dividend income on obligations or securities of any authority, commission,  
16 or instrumentality of the United States, but not of Rhode Island or its political subdivisions, to the  
17 extent exempted by the laws of the United States from federal income tax but not from state income  
18 taxes;

19 (3) The modification described in § 44-30-25(g);

1 (4)(i) The amount defined below of a nonqualified withdrawal made from an account in  
2 the tuition savings program pursuant to § 16-57-6.1. For purposes of this section, a nonqualified  
3 withdrawal is:

4 (A) A transfer or rollover to a qualified tuition program under Section 529 of the Internal  
5 Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 529, other than to the tuition savings program referred to in § 16-57-  
6 6.1; and

7 (B) A withdrawal or distribution that is:

8 (I) Not applied on a timely basis to pay “qualified higher education expenses” as defined  
9 in § 16-57-3(12) of the beneficiary of the account from which the withdrawal is made;

10 (II) Not made for a reason referred to in § 16-57-6.1(e); or

11 (III) Not made in other circumstances for which an exclusion from tax made applicable by  
12 Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 529, pertains if the transfer, rollover,  
13 withdrawal, or distribution is made within two (2) taxable years following the taxable year for  
14 which a contributions modification pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of this section is taken based on  
15 contributions to any tuition savings program account by the person who is the participant of the  
16 account at the time of the contribution, whether or not the person is the participant of the account  
17 at the time of the transfer, rollover, withdrawal or distribution;

18 (ii) In the event of a nonqualified withdrawal under subsection (b)(4)(i)(A) or (b)(4)(i)(B)  
19 of this section, there shall be added to the federal adjusted gross income of that person for the  
20 taxable year of the withdrawal an amount equal to the lesser of:

21 (A) The amount equal to the nonqualified withdrawal reduced by the sum of any  
22 administrative fee or penalty imposed under the tuition savings program in connection with the  
23 nonqualified withdrawal plus the earnings portion thereof, if any, includible in computing the  
24 person’s federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year; and

25 (B) The amount of the person’s contribution modification pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of  
26 this section for the person’s taxable year of the withdrawal and the two (2) prior taxable years less  
27 the amount of any nonqualified withdrawal for the two (2) prior taxable years included in  
28 computing the person’s Rhode Island income by application of this subsection for those years. Any  
29 amount added to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to this subdivision shall constitute Rhode  
30 Island income for residents, nonresidents and part-year residents;

31 (5) The modification described in § 44-30-25.1(d)(3)(i);

32 (6) The amount equal to any unemployment compensation received but not included in  
33 federal adjusted gross income;

34 (7) The amount equal to the deduction allowed for sales tax paid for a purchase of a

1 qualified motor vehicle as defined by the Internal Revenue Code § 164(a)(6); and

2 (8) For any taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2020, the amount of any Paycheck  
3 Protection Program loan forgiven for federal income tax purposes as authorized by the Coronavirus  
4 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act and/or the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 and/or  
5 any other subsequent federal stimulus relief packages enacted by law, to the extent that the amount  
6 of the loan forgiven exceeds \$250,000, including an individual's distributive share of the amount  
7 of a pass-through entity's loan forgiveness in excess of \$250,000.

8 (c) **Modifications reducing federal adjusted gross income.** There shall be subtracted  
9 from federal adjusted gross income:

10 (1) Any interest income on obligations of the United States and its possessions to the extent  
11 includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes, and any interest or dividend income on  
12 obligations, or securities of any authority, commission, or instrumentality of the United States to  
13 the extent includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes but exempt from state income  
14 taxes under the laws of the United States; provided, that the amount to be subtracted shall in any  
15 case be reduced by any interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry  
16 obligations or securities the income of which is exempt from Rhode Island personal income tax, to  
17 the extent the interest has been deducted in determining federal adjusted gross income or taxable  
18 income;

19 (2) A modification described in § 44-30-25(f) or § 44-30-1.1(c)(1);

20 (3) The amount of any withdrawal or distribution from the "tuition savings program"  
21 referred to in § 16-57-6.1 that is included in federal adjusted gross income, other than a withdrawal  
22 or distribution or portion of a withdrawal or distribution that is a nonqualified withdrawal;

23 (4) Contributions made to an account under the tuition savings program, including the  
24 "contributions carryover" pursuant to subsection (c)(4)(iv) of this section, if any, subject to the  
25 following limitations, restrictions and qualifications:

26 (i) The aggregate subtraction pursuant to this subdivision for any taxable year of the  
27 taxpayer shall not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) or one thousand dollars (\$1,000) if a joint  
28 return;

29 (ii) The following shall not be considered contributions:

30 (A) Contributions made by any person to an account who is not a participant of the account  
31 at the time the contribution is made;

32 (B) Transfers or rollovers to an account from any other tuition savings program account or  
33 from any other "qualified tuition program" under section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, 26  
34 U.S.C. § 529; or

1 (C) A change of the beneficiary of the account;

2 (iii) The subtraction pursuant to this subdivision shall not reduce the taxpayer's federal  
3 adjusted gross income to less than zero (0);

4 (iv) The contributions carryover to a taxable year for purpose of this subdivision is the  
5 excess, if any, of the total amount of contributions actually made by the taxpayer to the tuition  
6 savings program for all preceding taxable years for which this subsection is effective over the sum  
7 of:

8 (A) The total of the subtractions under this subdivision allowable to the taxpayer for all  
9 such preceding taxable years; and

10 (B) That part of any remaining contribution carryover at the end of the taxable year which  
11 exceeds the amount of any nonqualified withdrawals during the year and the prior two (2) taxable  
12 years not included in the addition provided for in this subdivision for those years. Any such part  
13 shall be disregarded in computing the contributions carryover for any subsequent taxable year;

14 (v) For any taxable year for which a contributions carryover is applicable, the taxpayer  
15 shall include a computation of the carryover with the taxpayer's Rhode Island personal income tax  
16 return for that year, and if for any taxable year on which the carryover is based the taxpayer filed a  
17 joint Rhode Island personal income tax return but filed a return on a basis other than jointly for a  
18 subsequent taxable year, the computation shall reflect how the carryover is being allocated between  
19 the prior joint filers;

20 (5) The modification described in § 44-30-25.1(d)(1);

21 (6) Amounts deemed taxable income to the taxpayer due to payment or provision of  
22 insurance benefits to a dependent, including a domestic partner pursuant to chapter 12 of title 36 or  
23 other coverage plan;

24 **(7) Modification for organ transplantation.**

25 (i) An individual may subtract up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from federal adjusted  
26 gross income if he or she, while living, donates one or more of his or her human organs to another  
27 human being for human organ transplantation, except that for purposes of this subsection, "human  
28 organ" means all or part of a liver, pancreas, kidney, intestine, lung, or bone marrow. A subtract  
29 modification that is claimed hereunder may be claimed in the taxable year in which the human  
30 organ transplantation occurs.

31 (ii) An individual may claim that subtract modification hereunder only once, and the  
32 subtract modification may be claimed for only the following unreimbursed expenses that are  
33 incurred by the claimant and related to the claimant's organ donation:

34 (A) Travel expenses.

1 (B) Lodging expenses.

2 (C) Lost wages.

3 (iii) The subtract modification hereunder may not be claimed by a part-time resident or a  
4 nonresident of this state;

5 **(8) Modification for taxable Social Security income.**

6 (i) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2016:

7 (A) For a person who has attained the age used for calculating full or unreduced Social  
8 Security retirement benefits who files a return as an unmarried individual, head of household, or  
9 married filing separate whose federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year is less than eighty  
10 thousand dollars (\$80,000); or

11 (B) A married individual filing jointly or individual filing qualifying widow(er) who has  
12 attained the age used for calculating full or unreduced Social Security retirement benefits whose  
13 joint federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars  
14 (\$100,000), an amount equal to the Social Security benefits includible in federal adjusted gross  
15 income.

16 (ii) Adjustment for inflation. The dollar amount contained in subsections (c)(8)(i)(A) and  
17 (c)(8)(i)(B) of this section shall be increased annually by an amount equal to:

18 (A) Such dollar amount contained in subsections (c)(8)(i)(A) and (c)(8)(i)(B) of this section  
19 adjusted for inflation using a base tax year of 2000, multiplied by;

20 (B) The cost-of-living adjustment with a base year of 2000.

21 (iii) For the purposes of this section the cost-of-living adjustment for any calendar year is  
22 the percentage (if any) by which the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year exceeds  
23 the consumer price index for the base year. The consumer price index for any calendar year is the  
24 average of the consumer price index as of the close of the twelve-month (12) period ending on  
25 August 31, of such calendar year.

26 (iv) For the purpose of this section the term "consumer price index" means the last  
27 consumer price index for all urban consumers published by the department of labor. For the purpose  
28 of this section the revision of the consumer price index which is most consistent with the consumer  
29 price index for calendar year 1986 shall be used.

30 (v) If any increase determined under this section is not a multiple of fifty dollars (\$50.00),  
31 such increase shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of fifty dollars (\$50.00). In the case of a  
32 married individual filing separate return, if any increase determined under this section is not a  
33 multiple of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), such increase shall be rounded to the next lower multiple  
34 of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00);

1           **(9) Modification of taxable retirement income from certain pension plans or**  
2 **annuities.**

3           (i) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, until the tax year beginning January  
4 1, 2022, a modification shall be allowed for up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), and for tax  
5 years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, a modification shall be allowed for up to twenty  
6 thousand dollars (\$20,000), of taxable pension and/or annuity income that is included in federal  
7 adjusted gross income for the taxable year:

8           (A) For a person who has attained the age used for calculating full or unreduced Social  
9 Security retirement benefits who files a return as an unmarried individual, head of household, or  
10 married filing separate whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than the  
11 amount used for the modification contained in subsection (c)(8)(i)(A) of this section an amount not  
12 to exceed \$15,000 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, until the tax year beginning  
13 January 1, 2022, and an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for tax years  
14 beginning on or after January 1, 2023, of taxable pension and/or annuity income includible in  
15 federal adjusted gross income; or

16           (B) For a married individual filing jointly or individual filing qualifying widow(er) who  
17 has attained the age used for calculating full or unreduced Social Security retirement benefits whose  
18 joint federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than the amount used for the  
19 modification contained in subsection (c)(8)(i)(B) of this section an amount not to exceed \$15,000  
20 for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, until the tax year beginning January 1, 2022,  
21 and an amount not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for tax years beginning on or after  
22 January 1, 2023, of taxable pension and/or annuity income includible in federal adjusted gross  
23 income.

24           (ii) Adjustment for inflation. The dollar amount contained by reference in subsections  
25 (c)(9)(i)(A) and (c)(9)(i)(B) of this section shall be increased annually for tax years beginning on  
26 or after January 1, 2018, by an amount equal to:

27           (A) Such dollar amount contained by reference in subsections (c)(9)(i)(A) and (c)(9)(i)(B)  
28 of this section adjusted for inflation using a base tax year of 2000, multiplied by;

29           (B) The cost-of-living adjustment with a base year of 2000.

30           (iii) For the purposes of this section, the cost-of-living adjustment for any calendar year is  
31 the percentage (if any) by which the consumer price index for the preceding calendar year exceeds  
32 the consumer price index for the base year. The consumer price index for any calendar year is the  
33 average of the consumer price index as of the close of the twelve-month (12) period ending on  
34 August 31, of such calendar year.

1 (iv) For the purpose of this section, the term “consumer price index” means the last  
2 consumer price index for all urban consumers published by the department of labor. For the purpose  
3 of this section, the revision of the consumer price index which is most consistent with the consumer  
4 price index for calendar year 1986 shall be used.

5 (v) If any increase determined under this section is not a multiple of fifty dollars (\$50.00),  
6 such increase shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of fifty dollars (\$50.00). In the case of a  
7 married individual filing a separate return, if any increase determined under this section is not a  
8 multiple of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), such increase shall be rounded to the next lower multiple  
9 of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

10 (vi) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, the dollar amount contained by  
11 reference in subsection (c)(9)(i)(A) shall be adjusted to equal the dollar amount contained in  
12 subsection (c)(8)(i)(A), as adjusted for inflation, and the dollar amount contained by reference in  
13 subsection(c)(9)(i)(B) shall be adjusted to equal the dollar amount contained in subsection  
14 (c)(8)(i)(B), as adjusted for inflation;

15 **(10) Modification for Rhode Island investment in opportunity zones.** For purposes of  
16 a taxpayer’s state tax liability, in the case of any investment in a Rhode Island opportunity zone by  
17 the taxpayer for at least seven (7) years, a modification to income shall be allowed for the  
18 incremental difference between the benefit allowed under 26 U.S.C. § 1400Z-2(b)(2)(B)(iv) and  
19 the federal benefit allowed under 26 U.S.C. § 1400Z-2(c);

20 **(11) Modification for military service pensions.**

21 (i) For purposes of a taxpayer’s state tax liability, a modification to income shall be allowed  
22 as follows:

23 (A) For the tax years beginning on January 1, 2023, a taxpayer may subtract from federal  
24 adjusted gross income the taxpayer’s military service pension benefits included in federal adjusted  
25 gross income;

26 (ii) As used in this subsection, the term “military service” shall have the same meaning as  
27 set forth in 20 C.F.R. § 212.2;

28 (iii) At no time shall the modification allowed under this subsection alone or in conjunction  
29 with subsection (c)(9) exceed the amount of the military service pension received in the tax year  
30 for which the modification is claimed; and

31 (12) Any rebate issued to the taxpayer pursuant to § 44-30-103 to the extent included in  
32 gross income for federal tax purposes.

33 **(d) Modification for Rhode Island fiduciary adjustment.** There shall be added to, or  
34 subtracted from, federal adjusted gross income (as the case may be) the taxpayer’s share, as

1 beneficiary of an estate or trust, of the Rhode Island fiduciary adjustment determined under § 44-  
2 30-17.

3 (e) **Partners.** The amounts of modifications required to be made under this section by a  
4 partner, which relate to items of income or deduction of a partnership, shall be determined under §  
5 44-30-15.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would exclude all overtime earned by an individual from adjusted gross income
- 2   for tax years 2025 and 2026 and define overtime as payment of at least one and one-half (1½) times
- 3   the rate of regular pay for hours worked over the standard forty (40) hours.
- 4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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