

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Technical Appendix



Fiscal Year 2009

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Changes in Budgeting Practices and Presentation

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Consolidation of Agencies

The Fiscal Year 2008 Budget enacted by the General Assembly contained language which required the Governor to plan for two new major consolidations. This is in addition to the consolidation of certain Office of Health and Human Services functions which are reflected as FTE transfers from the agencies within the Office of Health and Human Services for FY 2009. For ease in comparing data, the Governor's budget for FY 2009 reflects historical data associated with the Public Safety and Advocacy on a consolidated basis. The tables that follow track the discrete changes made to each budget by source of funds.

Department of Elderly Affairs and Advocacy

Section 11 of Article 3 Relating to Reorganization provided for the following:

SECTION 11. The general assembly hereby requires the governor to submit, as part of his FY 2009 budget, necessary legislation to create a department of advocacy, with an effective date of no sooner than July 1, 2008, and no later than January 1, 2009.

The governor shall consult with the child advocate, mental health advocate, commission on the deaf and hard of hearing, developmental disabilities council, and the commission on disabilities in developing the department.

The department shall include the child advocate, mental health advocate, commission on the deaf and hard of hearing, developmental disabilities council, and the commission on disabilities.

The governor with advice and consent of the senate shall appoint the child advocate and the mental health advocate, as detailed in existing statutes. All agencies combined into this new department shall maintain existing duties as set forth in current law.

The Governor has reviewed the proposed composition of the department and recommended only three of the five agencies be merged into the existing Department of Elderly Affairs and be called the Department of Elderly Affairs and Advocacy. Under the leadership of an existing cabinet director, the functions of these agencies would be best integrated within the Health and Human Services Secretariat. It is recommended that the Office of the Child Advocate and Office of the Mental Health Advocate remain independent.

For purposes of budget presentation, the following agencies have been merged into the new Department of Elderly Affairs and Advocacy: Department of Elderly Affairs, Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Developmental Disabilities Council, and the Governor's Commission on Disabilities.

Department of Public Safety

Section 14 of Article 3 Relating to Reorganization provided for the following:

SECTION 14. The general assembly hereby requires the governor to submit, as part of his FY 2009 budget necessary recommended legislation to

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create a department of public safety, with an effective date of no sooner than July 1, 2008, and no later than January 1, 2009. The director of the department shall be the superintendent of the state police who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate.

The governor shall include the state police, E-911, emergency telephone system division, the state fire marshal who shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, fire safety code board of appeal and review, justice commission, municipal police training academy, sheriffs and capitol police.

The department shall consolidate communications and overhead expenditures.

The Governor has reviewed the proposed composition of the department and recommends one modification. It is recommended that the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review remain independent due to opinion that it is not directly related to emergency response, law enforcement and security services, but might be better aligned to the Building Code Commission within the Department of Administration.

For purposes of budget presentation, the following agencies have been merged into the new Department of Public Safety: State Police, E-911 Emergency Telephone System, State Fire Marshal, Municipal Police Training Academy, Sheriffs, Capitol Police, and the Governor's Justice Commission.

Program Definition Changes

The FY 2008 Budget submission for the Department of Health reflects changes in the program structure which realigns appropriation line items. The tables that follow reflect the Health Department's budget in the enacted form and in the new form to aid the reader of the budget documents. The major changes include:

<u>Former (Old)</u>	<u>New (Proposed)</u>
1. Family Health (partially merged/combined into)	Community and Family Health & Equity Environmental and Health Services Regulation
2. Health Services Regulation (merged/combined into)	
3. Environmental Health (Partially merged/combined into) Regulation	Environmental and Health Services
4. Disease Prevention and Control (Partially merged/ combined into)	Community and Family Health & Equity

New Programs

- Public Health Information: combines and merges certain activities and functions in pre-aligned Central Management, such as Vital Records
- Infectious Disease and Epidemiology: removes some, if not all, activities and functions related to infectious diseases and epidemiology