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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Marvin L. Abney, Chairman, House Finance Committee
The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

From: Joseph Codega Jr., Budget Officer 

Date: March 17, 2023

Subject: Amendments to FY 2024 Appropriations Act (23-H-5200)

The Governor requests that several amendments be made to the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. The amendments include changes to the appropriation amounts in Article 1, Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2024. In general, these amendments seek to correct errors in recommended appropriations while remaining consistent with the Governor's original intent. A description of each technical amendment requested is provided below.

- This amendment corrects for various technical errors identified in the Governor's Recommended Budget for the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals. These changes redistribute funds between accounts but have a net zero impact statewide and are consistent with the Governor's original intent.
- This amendment includes a federal funds budgetary increase of \$2.3 million statewide attributable to the December 2022 federal award of the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Birth to Five Planning Grant. This planning grant will be distributed amongst six state agencies and used to fund a series of capacity building activities such as strategic planning efforts and pilot programs to advance the coordination and effectiveness of Rhode Island's early childhood system. The grant project period will conclude December 30, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding these amendments, please feel free to call me or my staff at 222-6300.

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Attachments

cc: Sharon Reynolds Ferland, House Fiscal Advisor
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ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2024

SECTION 1, APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2024

Rhode Island Ethics Commission

Increase General Revenue, Page 13, Line 6 by \$40,000 from \$2,097,059 to \$2,137,059. This amendment reflects the omission of funding for a Case Management System within the Rhode Island Ethics Commission (24-ETH1).

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Increase Federal Funds in the Central Management program, Page 13, Line 23 by \$229,250 from \$178,630,783 to \$178,860,033. This amendment increases agency budget authority attributable to the recent federal award of the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Birth to Five Planning Grant (24-EOHHS1). This planning grant includes a series of capacity building activities such as strategic planning efforts and pilot programs to advance the coordination and effectiveness of the early childhood system.

Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Increase Federal Funds in the Child Welfare program, Page 15, Line 12 by \$7,500 from \$87,739,566 to \$87,747,066. This amendment increases agency budget authority attributable to the recent federal award of the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Birth to Five Planning Grant (24-DCYF1). This planning grant includes a series of capacity building activities such as strategic planning efforts and pilot programs to advance the coordination and effectiveness of the early childhood system.

Department of Health

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Central Management program, Page 15 Line 22, by \$2,891,838 from \$13,831,745 to \$16,723,583. This amendment corrects inadvertent decreases in RIDOH's indirect account to enable the disbursement of indirect cost recoveries on federal grants budgeted (24-DOH1).

Increase Federal Funds in the Community Health and Equity program, Page 15, Line 34 by \$41,750 from \$77,758,255 to \$77,800,005. This amendment increases agency budget authority attributable to the recent federal award of the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Birth to Five Planning Grant (24-DOH2). This planning grant includes a series of capacity building activities such as strategic planning efforts and pilot programs to advance the coordination and effectiveness of the early childhood system.

Department of Human Services

Increase Federal Funds in the Individual and Family Support program, Page 17, Line 31 by \$1,684,000 from \$116,336,111 to \$118,020,111. This amendment increases agency budget authority attributable to the recent federal award of the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Birth to Five Planning Grant (24-DHS1). This planning grant includes a series of capacity building activities such as strategic planning efforts and pilot programs to advance the coordination and effectiveness of the early childhood system.

Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals

Shift General Revenue and Federal Funds among natural accounts within all department programs, no net changes to program appropriations. This amendment makes several technical adjustments among natural accounts within each program. These shifts, none of which results in a net change to a requested program appropriation, include:

- The elimination of a federal funds budget for the Hospital Licensing Fee inadvertently included. The Hospital Licensing Fee is entirely state-funded (24-BHDDH1).
- Realignment of general revenue and federal funds for overtime at ESH to reflect historical overtime spending levels (24-BHDDH2).
- Redistribution of federal funds among natural accounts in all expense categories to eliminate negative budget values inadvertently included (24-BHDDH2, 24-BHDDH3).
- Correcting the general revenue and federal funds natural account distribution of Caseload Estimating Conference accounts of the Services for the Developmentally Disabled program that were erroneously allocated (24-BHDDH3).
- The removal and reallocation of general revenue and federal funds for retention bonuses which are non-existent in FY 2024 (24-BHDDH-4).

Decrease Federal Funds in the Services for the Developmentally Disabled program, Page 19, Line 31 by \$192,037 from \$227,617,571 to \$227,425,534. This amendment corrects for the inadvertent inclusion of an appropriation for the Transformation Technology Fund in FY 2024 (24-BHDDH5).

Decrease General Revenues in the Services for the Developmentally Disabled program, Page 19, Line 24 by \$264,284 from \$188,286,360 to \$188,022,076. This amendment corrects for the inadvertent overbudgeting of the Employment category of spending in the Caseload Estimating Conference accounts. This amendment brings the Governor's Recommended Budget in line with the funding levels adopted at the November 2022 Caseload Estimating Conference (24-BHDDH6).

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Increase Federal Funds in the Administration of the Comprehensive Education Strategy program, Page 21, Line 29 by \$212,500 from \$281,923,148 to \$282,135,648. This amendment increases agency budget authority attributable to the recent federal award of the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Birth to Five Planning Grant (24-RIDE1). This planning grant includes a series of capacity building activities such as strategic planning efforts and pilot programs to advance the coordination and effectiveness of the early childhood system.

Office of Postsecondary Commissioner

Increase Federal Funds in the Office of Postsecondary Commissioner program, Page 24, Line 2 by \$75,000 from \$4,081,833 to \$4,156,833. This amendment increases agency budget authority attributable to the recent federal award of the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Birth to Five Planning Grant (24-OPC1). This planning grant includes a series of capacity building activities such as strategic planning efforts and pilot programs to advance the coordination and effectiveness of the early childhood system.

Summary of Governor's Article 1 Amendments to FY 2024 Appropriations Act (23-H-5200)

	General Revenue	Federal Funds	Restricted Receipts	Other Funds	Total	Amendment Code (24-AGENCY#)
FY 2024 Expenditures (Original Governor's Recommend)	5,302,778,725	5,526,017,996	386,814,952	2,535,441,068	13,751,052,741	
February 14, 2023 Amendments	25,667	(320,000)	(169,608)	5,237,284	4,773,343	
March 8, 2023 Amendments	183,073	(24,789,779)	-	4,000,000	(20,606,706)	
March 17, 2023 Amendments						
Rhode Island Ethics Commission						
<i>Case Management System</i>	40,000				40,000	24-ETH1
Executive Office of Health and Human Services						
<i>Preschool Development Grant - Birth to five Planning Grant</i>		229,250			229,250	24-EOHS1
Department of Children, Youth, and Families						
<i>Preschool Development Grant - Birth to five Planning Grant</i>		7,500			7,500	24-DCYF1
Department of Health						
<i>Indirect Cost Recoveries Increase</i>			2,891,838		2,891,838	24-DOH1
<i>Preschool Development Grant - Birth to five Planning Grant</i>		41,750			41,750	24-DOH2
Department of Human Services						
<i>Preschool Development Grant - Birth to five Planning Grant</i>		1,684,000			1,684,000	24-DHS1
Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals						
<i>Hospital Licensing Fee Correction</i>	-	-			-	24-BHDDH1
<i>Contracting and Overtime Realignment</i>	-	-			-	24-BHDDH2
<i>Natural Accounts Realignment</i>	-	-			-	24-BHDDH3
<i>Stipend Correction</i>	-	-			-	24-BHDDH4
<i>Transformation Technology Fund Realignment</i>		(192,037)			(192,037)	24-BHDDH5
<i>Caseload Conference Correction</i>	(264,284)				(264,284)	24-BHDDH6
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education						
<i>Preschool Development Grant - Birth to five Planning Grant</i>		212,500			212,500	24-RIDE1
Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner						
<i>Preschool Development Grant - Birth to five Planning Grant</i>		75,000			75,000	24-OPC1
Total	(224,284)	2,057,963	2,891,838	-	4,725,517	
Grand Total	5,302,763,181	5,502,966,180	389,537,182	2,544,678,352	13,739,944,895	