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MEMORANDUM

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

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Date: March 11, 2026

Subject: Amendments to FY 2027 Appropriations Act (26-H-7127)

Governor's Budget Amendment #4

The Governor requests that several amendments be made to the FY 2027 Appropriations Act. The amendments include changes to the appropriation amounts in Article 1, Relating to Making Appropriations in Support of FY 2027. In general, these amendments seek to correct omissions in recommended appropriations while remaining consistent with the Governor's original intent. In cases in which the amendments reflect updated policy intent or assumptions, a description of each amendment requested is provided below.

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

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ARTICLE 1, RELATING TO MAKING APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2027

SECTION 1, APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FY 2027

Department of Administration

Increase General Revenues in the Capital Asset Management and Maintenance program, Page 5, Line 15, by \$50,000 from \$9,922,655 to \$9,972,655. This amendment correctly allocates funding for the LEED certification report required by Article 3, Section 3 to DOA rather than to DBR (27-DOA1).

Department of Business Regulation

Decrease General Revenues in the Central Management program, Page 5, Line 31, by \$50,000 from \$4,188,236 to \$4,138,236. This amendment correctly allocates funding for the LEED certification report required by Article 3, Section 3 to DOA rather than to DBR (27-DBR1).

Decrease General Revenues in the Office of Health Insurance Commissioner program, Page 6, Line 11, by \$76,000 from \$3,119,299 to \$3,043,299. This amendment reflects a correction for anticipated costs associated with the completion of the dental loss ratio study. (27-DBR2).

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

Increase Restricted Receipts for the Central Management program, Page 12, Line 28, by \$45,454 from \$7,277,708 to \$7,323,162. In accordance with legislation enacted in June 2022 that provides the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”) programmatic funds to the Executive Climate Change Council (“EC4”) to support programmatic and policy efforts for the implementation of the Act on Climate law, this amendment includes a total of \$45,454 through a cooperative agreement with the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) for a collaboration with the State’s Equity Zone focusing on climate change and health. Funded activities will include conducting an analysis of communities where the impacts of climate and health are disproportionate and support strategic engagement, providing funding to support impacted communities to convene residents and stakeholders, assess current activities and actions related to climate change, and establish actionable strategies, establish a climate change and environmental determinants of health community of practice (27-EOHHS1).

Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Increase Federal Funds in the Youth Development Services program, Page 12, Line 28, by \$165,885, from \$142,202 to \$308,087. This amendment reinstates the Department’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) federal grant funding in FY 2027, which was inadvertently excluded from the budget (27-DCYF1).

Decrease Federal Funds in the Central Management program, Page 13, Line 20, by \$3,562,648, from \$13,745,250 to \$10,182,602. This amendment corrects federal funding for the Department’s Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) replacement project to align the federal funding level with the state’s general revenue match (27-DCYF2).

Department of Health

Increase Federal Funds in the Healthcare Quality and Safety program, Page 15, Line 9, by \$62,130, from \$7,529,889 to \$7,592,019. This amendment corrects the salary and benefits funding for an FTE position in the Healthcare Quality and Safety program that was erroneously misallocated (27-DOH1).

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Healthcare Quality and Safety program, Page 15, Line 10, by \$93,195, from \$1,067,007 to \$1,160,202. This amendment corrects the salary and benefits funding for an FTE position in the Healthcare Quality and Safety program that was erroneously misallocated (27-DOH1).

Department of Human Services

Increase Federal Funds in the Individual and Family Support program, Page 16, Line 21, by \$80,000, from \$118,670,234 to \$118,750,234. This amendment reflects federal funding, obtained from the State Opioid Response Grant, through an interagency agreement with BHDDH. The funding will support the creation of the “Incredible Beginnings” program, an expansion of the existing “Incredible Years” program. The program will train early childhood educators and administrators to create supportive and emotionally responsive learning environments (27-DHS1).

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Individual and Family Support program, Page 16, Line 22, by \$15,000, from \$100,000 to \$115,000. This amendment reflects a correction to restore funding to the Organ Transplant Fund, which was erroneously removed from the budget (27-DHS2).

Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

Increase Restricted Receipts in the Behavioral Healthcare Services program, Page 18, Line 25, by \$178,781, from \$4,180,094 to \$4,358,875. This amendment reflects funding obtained from Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc. on behalf of the federal government to finance the Behavioral Health Data Exchange Pilot.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Increase General Revenues in the Administration of the Comprehensive Education Strategy program, Page 19, Line 34, by \$219,580 from \$36,620,345 to \$36,839,925. This amendment increases internal service fund adjustments to correctly reflect expected charges, including \$177,127 for electricity and \$42,453 for natural gas (27-RIDE1).

Military Staff

Increase Federal Funds in the Rhode Island National Guard program, Page 28, Line 17, by \$3,500,000, from \$45,498,537 to \$48,998,537. This amendment reflects federal funding obtained from the National Guard Bureau to finance the Coventry Water Modernization project (27-MIL1).

Office of Public Defender

Increase General Revenues in the Central Management program, Page 29, Line 29, by \$73,370, from \$18,765,889 to \$18,839,259. This amendment reflects an updated estimate of costs associated with leasing the agency’s 160 Pine Street office, including tenant improvements, utilities, and parking (27-OPD1).

Coastal Resources Management Council

Increase General Revenues in the Central Management program, Page 31, Line 11, by \$50,000, from \$4,324,771 to \$4,374,771. This amendment adds funding for the Council to take preliminary actions towards the implementation of a permit and enforcement database (27-CRMC1).

Summary of Governor's Article 1 Amendments to FY 2027 Appropriations Act (26-H-7127)

	General Revenue	Federal Funds	Restricted Receipts	Other Funds	Total	Amendment Code (27-AGENCY#)
FY 2027 Expenditures (Original Governor's Recommend)	5,954,479,805	5,507,469,095	459,406,598	2,937,689,227	14,859,044,725	
March 2026 Amendments						
Department of Administration <i>LEED Certification Report</i>	50,000				50,000	27-DOA1
Department of Business Regulation <i>LEED Certification Report</i>	(50,000)				(50,000)	27-DBR1
<i>OHIC Dental Loss Ratio Study Correction</i>	(76,000)				(76,000)	27-DBR2
Executive Office of Health and Human Services <i>RGGI - Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council Project</i>			45,454		45,454	27-EOHHS1
Department of Children, Youth, and Families <i>OJJDP Grant Amendment</i>		165,885			165,885	27-DCYF1
<i>CCWIS Grant Federal Fund Reallocation</i>		(3,562,648)			(3,562,648)	27-DCYF2
Department of Health <i>Personnel Salary and Benefits Reallocation</i>		62,130	93,195		155,325	27-DOH1
Department of Human Services <i>CCAP-SOR IV Grant</i>		80,000			80,000	27-DHS1
<i>Organ Transplant Fund</i>			15,000		15,000	27-DHS2
Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals <i>Chickasaw Award: Behavioral Health Data Exchange Pilot</i>			178,781		178,781	27-BHDDH1
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education <i>Internal Service Fund Adjustments</i>	219,580				219,580	27-RIDE1
Military Staff <i>NGB Funds: Coventry Water Project</i>		3,500,000			3,500,000	27-MIL1
Office of Public Defender <i>160 Pine Street Revision</i>	73,370				73,370	27-OPD1
Coastal Resources Management Council <i>Permit and Enforcement Database</i>	50,000				50,000	27-CRMC1
Total	266,950	245,367	332,430	-	844,747	
Grand Total	5,954,746,755	5,507,714,462	459,739,028	2,937,689,227	14,859,889,472	