

# 2010 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ACT

Included below are the various Articles of [H-7105](#) – Revised Appropriations Bill which are of particular relevancy to cities/towns.

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## EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

**ART. 9 EDUCATION AID** This article provides for the further reduction of education aid coupled with an additional distribution of stabilization funds; suspends the Caruolo Act process in any year education aid is reduced; allows the withholding of education aid to districts that fail to pay the costs for the statewide student transportation system; assesses tuition costs for students attending the School for the Deaf; and requires city/town council approval of school district labor agreements. Finance

**ART. 10 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM** This article would allow the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to grant variances to the requirement for the purchase of transportation services through the statewide system if an alternative system is more cost effective. Finance

**ART. 18 STATEWIDE PURCHASING SYSTEM** This article allows the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education acting with the Department of Administration to implement a statewide purchasing system for all public schools for purchasing goods, supplies and services on a voluntary basis. Finance

**ART. 20 SCHOOL REALIGNMENT COMMISSION** This article would create the Rhode Island School Realignment Commission which purpose it would be to conduct a review of school realignments throughout the state. Finance

**ART. 23 UNIFORM HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES** This article requires that the Department of Administration design and approve five uniform benefit plans, including but not limited to medical benefits and prescription drug coverage, for all public school employees, which plans only may be specified in future collective bargaining agreements. Finance

## FINANCE & TAXATION

**ART. 2 MOTOR VEHICLE REIMBURSEMENTS** This article would eliminate the third and fourth quarter payments to municipalities for reimbursement for the excise tax phase out; authorizes municipalities to levy a supplemental tax to recover revenues lost; and also eliminates any required state exemption from the excise tax in future years. Finance

## LABOR RELATIONS

**Art. 21      FIREFIGHTERS' AND POLICE ARBITRATION** This article would alter the rights of firefighters and police officers to bargain collectively, by specifically excepting the following issues: levels and deployment of personnel; the types of equipment utilized; and the number of or location of any vehicles, facilities or stations. Finance

**ART. 22      HEALTH CARE BENEFITS** This article would require that no collective bargaining agreement covering public school teachers, firefighters, police officers, and municipal employees of any city/town, school district or fire district provide for an employee contribution of less than 25% of the premium costs of health care and dental benefits. Finance

**ART. 23      UNIFORM HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES** This article would provide that, upon expiration of current collective bargaining agreements involving public school employees, only benefits plans designed by the Department of Administration may be specified in future collective bargaining agreements. Finance

## PUBLIC SAFETY ( POLICE & FIRE )

**ART. 8        FUGITIVE TASK FORCE** This article eliminates the State Fugitive Task Force, and also establishes an Employment Integrity Unit within the Department of Public Safety to prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

**ART. 10      STATE FIREFIGHTER'S LEAGUE** This article would create within the Department of Public Safety the Rhode Island state firefighter's league grant account, which account would be used solely to fund education and training programs for firefighters in the state. Finance

**ART. 12      POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS INJURED ON DUTY** This article limits injured on duty compensation for police officers and firefighters to 80% of their salaries or wages together with benefits. Finance

## RETIREMENT

**ART. 13      MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT** This article would include a reduction in disability retirement allowances for police and firefighters; would establish a new chapter entitled "Municipal Retirement Programs" mandating pension reforms; and would also substantively amend various sections of both Chapter 45-21 – "Retirement of Municipal Employees" and Chapter 45-21.2 – "Optional Retirement for Members of Police Force and Firefighters". Finance

**ART. 16 PENSION REFORM** This article eliminates the automatic cost of living adjustments for teachers and state employees who were not eligible to retire on September 30, 2009, or do not become eligible to retire prior to the date of passage of this act. It would also provide the General Assembly with the ability to review annually and give an ad hoc cost of living adjustment to retirees who are not otherwise eligible for a cost of living adjustment.  
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