

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 247

Approved May 11, 2001

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RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby endorse and urge Passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2001-S 0733 and House Bill 2001-H 5844 Relating to Towns and Cities-State Aid, in substantially the form attached.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED

Robert A. Young
PRES, Acting
Michael R. Clement
CLERK

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James E. Leary
MAYOR

READ AND PASSED
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FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
STATE LEGISLATION

Michael Claret CLERK
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THE COMMITTEE ON

State Legislation
Recommends *Approval*

Carrie E. Benthley CLERK
May 2, 2001

(By request)

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY **01-S 0733**
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2001

AN ACT

RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID

01-S 0733

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Kells, Roney,
Walton, Goodwin, et al.

Date Introduced: February 14, 2001

Referred To: Senate Committee on Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-13-5.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-13 entitled "State
2 Aid" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 45-13-5.1. General assembly appropriations in lieu of property tax from certain
4 exempt private and state properties -- (a) In lieu of the amount of local real property tax on
5 real property owned by any private nonprofit institution of higher education, or any nonprofit
6 hospital facility, any state owned convention center or municipally owned civic center, or any
7 state owned and operated hospital, veterans' residential facility, or correctional facility occupied
8 by more than 100 residents which may have been or will be exempted from taxation by
9 applicable state law, exclusive of any facility operated by the federal government, the state of
10 Rhode Island, or any of its subdivisions, the general assembly shall annually appropriate for
11 payment to the several cities and towns in which the property lies a sum equal to twenty-seven
12 percent (27%) of all tax that would have been collected had the property been taxable. Any
13 amount appropriated for any municipality owned civil center shall be utilized only for operations
14 and capital improvements for that facility.

15 (b) As used in this section, "private nonprofit institution of higher education" means any
16 institution engaged primarily in education beyond the high school level, the property of which is
17 exempt from property tax under any of the subdivisions, and "nonprofit hospital facility" means
18 any nonprofit hospital licensed by the state and which is used for the purpose of general medical,

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1 surgical, or psychiatric care and treatment.

2 (c) The grant payable to any municipality under the provision of this section shall be
3 equal to twenty-seven percent (27%) of the property taxes which, except for any exemption to
4 any institution of higher education or general hospital facility, would have been paid with respect
5 to that exempt real property on the assessment list in the municipality for the assessment date of
6 December 31, 1986 and with respect to such exempt real property appearing on an assessment list
7 in the municipality on succeeding assessment dates.

8 (d) The state budget offices shall include the amount of the annual grant in the state
9 budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1988 and each fiscal year thereafter. The amount
10 of the grant payable to each municipality in any year in accordance with this section shall be
11 reduced proportionately in the event that the total of those grants in each year exceeds the amount
12 appropriated for the purposes of this section with respect to that year.

13 (e) Distribution of appropriations shall be made by the state on or before July 31 of 1988
14 and each July 31 thereafter, and the payments may be counted as a receivable by any city or town
15 for a fiscal year ending the preceding June 30.

16 (f) Any act or omission by the state with respect to this chapter shall in no way diminish
17 the duty of any town or municipality to provide public safety or other ordinary services to the
18 properties or facilities of the type listed in subsection (a).

19 (g) Provided, that payments authorized pursuant to this section shall be reduced pro rata,
20 for that period of time that the municipality suspends or reduces essential services to eligible
21 facilities. For the purposes of this section "essential services" include, but are not to be limited to,
22 police, fire and rescue. "Municipally owned civic center" means a building owned by a city or
23 town and used exclusively for the presentation of musical performances, sporting events and
24 similar forms of public entertainment.

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

EXPLANATION

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BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1 This act would mandate that any amount appropriated by the general assembly for a
2 municipally owned civic center be utilized only for that center's operations and capital
3 improvements.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY **01-H 5844**

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2001

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID

2001-H 5844

Introduced By: Reps. Costantino, Fox, Cicilline,
Moura and Slater

Date Introduced: February 6, 2001

Referred To: Committee on Finance

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