

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 221

Approved May 9, 1997

RESOLVED, That the City Council endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of An Act Relating to State Aid, in substantially the form attached.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 1 1997
READ AND PASSED

Emilio V. Fargnoli
PRES.

Michael R. Clement
CLERK

APPROVED

MAY 9 1997

Vincent A. Bianchi
MAYOR

THE COMMITTEE ON
MAR 6 1997

Recommends

Michael X. Clement
Clerk

State Legislation Jan M. Angelone
Clerk

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Council President Fargnoli and Councilman Rollins (By request)

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1997

AN ACTRELATING TO STATE AID -- TOWNS AND
CITIES**Introduced By:** Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Graziano, Caprio and Walton**Date Introduced:** February 13, 1997**Referred To:** Senate Committee on Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows

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

45-13-5.1. Appropriations in lieu of property tax from private institutions of higher education and private hospitals exempt from taxation by state law. -- (a) In lieu of the amount of local real property tax on real property owned by any private nonprofit institution of higher education or any nonprofit hospital facility **{ADD any municipally owned civic center, ADD}** or any state owned and operated hospital, veterans' residential facility or correctional facility occupied by more than one hundred (100) residents which may have been or will be exempted from taxation by applicable state law, exclusive of any such facility operated by the federal government, the state of Rhode Island or any subdivision thereof, the general assembly shall annually appropriate for payment to the several cities and towns in which the property lies a sum equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of all tax that would have been collected had the property been taxable.

(b) As used in this section "private nonprofit institution of higher education" means any such institution engaged primarily in education beyond the high school level, the property of which is exempt from property tax under any of the subdivisions and "nonprofit hospital facility" means any nonprofit hospital licensed by the state and which is used for the purpose of general medical, surgical or psychiatric care and treatment **{DEL--DEL} {ADD, and municipally owned civic center defined as a building owned by a city or town and used exclusively for the presentation of musical**

performances, sporting events, and similar forms of public entertainment and assembly. ADD}

(c) The grant payable to any municipality under the provision of this section shall be equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the property taxes which, except for any exemption to any institution of higher education or general hospital facility, would have been paid with respect to that exempt real property on the assessment list in the municipality for the assessment date of December 31, 1986 and with respect to such exempt real property appearing on an assessment list in the municipality on succeeding assessment dates.

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

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

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

(g) Provided, however, that payments authorized pursuant to this section shall be reduced pro rata, for such period of time that the municipality suspends or reduces essential services to eligible facilities. For the purposes of this section "essential services" shall include, but not be limited to, police, fire and rescue.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

**EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
AN ACT
RELATING TO STATE AID -- TOWNS AND CITIES**

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This act would include municipally owned civic centers in the appropriations in lieu of property tax formula.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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