

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 207

Approved March 27, 1998

RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 98-H 7786 and Senate Bill 98-S 2611 relating to mid year increase in school aid, in substantially the form attached.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 19 1998  
READ AND PASSED  
*[Signature]*  
ACTING PRES.  
*[Signature]*  
CLERK *[Signature]*



IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 5 1998  
FIRST READING  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
STATE LEGISLATION

*Michael R. Clement* CLERK  
*DMC*

*Council President Fagnoli:*

THE COMMITTEE ON  
*State Regulation*  
Recommends *Passage*  
*Barbara C. Carver*  
Clerk  
3-10-98

LC02508

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**98-H 7786**

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1998

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

98-H 7786

Introduced By: Reps. Fox, Moura, Giannini, San Bento  
and Smith

Date Introduced: February 3, 1998

Referred To: Committee on Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-4 of the General Laws entitled "Permanent School Fund" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 16-4-6.1. Adjustment of appropriation from the fund. -- If the average daily  
4 enrollment of pupils attending public schools in a city or town increases by more than two  
5 percent (2%) over the October 1 report at mid-year, the state's share of the funding to the  
6 affected city or town shall be adjusted to reflect the increase and the city or town shall be  
7 reimbursed on a per-pupil cost basis.

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

EXPLANATION

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BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

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1 This act would allow a municipality to receive a reimbursement out of the permanent  
2 school fund if enrollment of pupils attending public schools increases by more than two percent  
3 (2%).

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**98-S 2611**

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1998

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND

98-S 2611

Introduced By: Senators Walton, Goodwin, and Perry

Date Introduced: February 5, 1998

Referred To: Senate Committee on Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-4 of the General Laws entitled "Permanent School Fund" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:  
3 16-4-6.1. Adjustment of appropriation from the fund. — If the average daily  
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# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 208

Approved March 27, 1998

RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 98-H 8203 and Senate Bill 98-S 2630 relating to the Convention and Visitors' Bureau, in substantially the form attached.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 19 1998  
READ AND PASSED  
*[Signature]*  
ACTING PRES.  
*[Signature]*  
CLERK *RG*

APPROVED  
MAR 27 1998  
*Vincent A. Cianci*  
MAYOR

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Recommends Passage  
Barbara A. Pacion  
Clerk

3-10-98

Council President Fargnoli:

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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1998

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## A N A C T

RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced By: Reps. Moura and Smith

Date Introduced: February 3, 1998

Referred To: Committee on Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Sections 42-63.1-3, 42-63.1-11, and 42-63.1-12 of the General Laws in  
2 Chapter 42-63.1 entitled "Rhode Island Tourism and Development" are hereby amended to read  
3 as follows:

4           **42-63.1-3. Distribution of tax.** -- Except as provided in section 42-63.1-12 the proceeds  
5 of the hotel tax shall be distributed as follows by division of taxation and the city of Newport:

6           (a) Forty-seven percent (47%) of the tax generated by the hotels in the district except as  
7 otherwise provided in this chapter shall be given to the regional tourism district wherein the  
8 hotel is located; provided however, that from the tax generated by the hotels in the city of  
9 Warwick, thirty-one percent (31%) of said tax shall be given to the Warwick regional tourism  
10 district established in section 42-63.1-5(5) and sixteen percent (16%) of said tax shall be given to  
11 the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau established in section 42-  
12 63.1-11 and provided further, that from the tax generated by the hotels in the city of Providence,  
13 ~~thirty-nine and one-half percent (39.5%)~~ sixteen percent (16%) of said tax shall be given to the  
14 Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau established by section 42-63.1-  
15 11, ~~and seven and one-half percent (7.5%)~~ and thirty-one percent (31%) of said tax shall be given  
16 to the Convention Authority of the city of Providence established pursuant to the provisions of  
17 chapter 84 of the public laws of January, 1980, provided, however, that the receipts attributable  
18 to the district as defined in section 42-63.1-5(7) shall be deposited as general revenues;

1 (b) Twenty percent (20%) of the hotel tax shall be given to the city or town wherein the  
2 hotel which generated the tax is physically located to be used for whatever purpose the city or  
3 town decides.

4 (c) Thirty-three (33%) of the hotel tax shall be deposited as general revenues.

5 42-63.1-11. Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau --  
6 Creation -- Composition -- Governance -- Powers. -- (a) There is hereby created the Greater  
7 Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau, having a distinct legal existence from the  
8 state and not constituting a department or agency of the state government, for the purpose of  
9 administering the Greater Providence-Warwick regional tourism district established in section  
10 42-63.1-5(2).

11 (b) The members of the bureau shall consist of persons, firms, corporations, partnerships,  
12 associations and organizations who are interested in promoting the purposes of the Greater  
13 Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

14 (c) The Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau shall adopt by-  
15 laws to provide for its governance.

16 (d) The business and affairs of the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and  
17 Visitors' Bureau shall be managed by a board of directors comprised of fifteen (15) members  
18 appointed as follows:

19 (i) by the mayor of the city of Providence: three (3) members who shall be hoteliers  
20 directly involved in the marketing of hotels having more than one hundred (100) rooms located  
21 in the city of Providence, appointed for terms ending respectively on June 30, 1996, June 30,  
22 1997, and June 30, 1998; and one (1) member who shall be appointed for a term ending on June  
23 30, 1996; thereafter, the member shall be a member of the business community in the city of  
24 Providence and shall not be an employee or an appointed official of the city of Providence;

25 (ii) by the mayor of the city of Warwick; one (1) member who shall be a hotelier directly  
26 involved in the marketing of a hotel having more than one hundred (100) rooms located in the  
27 city of Warwick, appointed for a term ending on June 30, 1997; and one (1) member who shall  
28 be appointed for a term ending on June 30, 1998; thereafter, the member shall be a member of  
29 the business community of the city of Warwick and shall not be an employee or an appointed  
30 official of the city of Warwick;

31 ~~(iii) by the governor: one (1) member who shall be a hotelier directly involved in the~~  
32 ~~marketing of a hotel having more than one hundred (100) rooms which is not located in either~~



1 ~~the city of Providence or the city of Warwick, appointed for a term ending on June 30, 1996; one~~  
2 ~~(1) member who shall be a representative of the hospitality industry who is not associated with a~~  
3 ~~hotel and who is not employed by a business or attraction which is located in either the city of~~  
4 ~~Providence or the city of Warwick, appointed from a list of at least three (3) names submitted by~~  
5 ~~the Rhode Island Hospitality Association for a term ending on June 30, 1997; and two (2)~~  
6 ~~members who shall be appointed for terms ending respectively on June 30, 1996, and June 30,~~  
7 ~~1998; by the governor; one (1) member who shall be a hotelier of a hotel having more than one~~  
8 hundred (100) rooms which is located in either the city of Providence or the city of Warwick for  
9 a term ending on June 30, 1996; two (2) members, one (1) who shall be employed by a business  
10 or attraction in the city of Providence and one (1) who shall be employed by a business or  
11 attraction in the city of Warwick; and one (1) member who shall not be associated with a hotel  
12 located either in the city of Providence or Warwick but shall be associated with a business  
13 which is located in either the city of Providence or the city of Warwick;

14 (iv) by the board of commissioners of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority;  
15 two (2) members who shall be appointed for terms ending respectively on June 30, 1997, and  
16 June 30, 1998; and one (1) member who shall be ~~a hotelier directly involved in the marketing of~~  
17 ~~a hotel having more than one hundred (100) rooms located in the city of Warwick; associated~~  
18 with a business or attraction located in the city of Providence, appointed for a term ending on  
19 June 30, 1996; and

20 (v) by the members of the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors'  
21 Bureau; two (2) members who shall be members of the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention  
22 and Visitors' Bureau, appointed for terms ending respectively on June 30, 1997 and June 30,  
23 1998.

24 Thereafter and upon the expiration of the terms of the initial directors, the directors shall  
25 be appointed by the appointing authorities or elected by the members of the Greater Providence-  
26 Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau, as the case may be, to succeed the directors whose  
27 terms are then ending and to serve for terms of three (3) years, so as to have the terms of one-  
28 third (1/3) of the directors expire each year.

29 Any director may be reappointed or reelected for successive terms. Any vacancy  
30 resulting from the death, disability or other failure of a director to continue to serve shall be  
31 filled, for the remainder of the director's term, by the person or body given the power to make the  
32 original appointment.

1 (e) The directors shall elect one (1) of the directors to act as the chairperson of the  
2 Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau. The directors may elect from  
3 among the directors, a vice chairperson and such other officers as they may determine including  
4 a secretary and a treasurer.

5 (f) The directors shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties  
6 hereunder.

7 (g) The directors may employ an executive director to administer, manage and direct the  
8 affairs and business of the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau,  
9 subject to the policies, control and direction of the directors. The directors may employ technical  
10 experts and such other agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as they deem necessary.  
11 The directors may delegate to one (1) or more of the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention  
12 and Visitors' Bureau's agents or employees such administrative duties as they may deem proper.

13 (h) The Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau shall have and  
14 exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect the purposes of this chapter as set forth in  
15 section 42-63.1-1.

16 **42-63.1-12. Distribution of tax to Rhode Island Convention Center Authority.** -- (a)  
17 The proceeds of the hotel tax generated by any and all hotels in which the Rhode Island  
18 Convention Center Authority maintains a majority ownership interest therein shall be distributed  
19 as follows: twenty-seven percent (27%) shall be deposited as general revenues; ~~forty-three~~  
20 ~~percent (43%)~~ thirty-one percent (31%) shall be given to the Convention Authority of the city of  
21 Providence; sixteen percent (16%) shall be given to the ~~greater Providence Warwick Rhode~~  
22 ~~Island~~ Convention and Visitor's Bureau; thirty percent (30%) ~~twenty-six percent (26%)~~ shall be  
23 given to the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority to be used in furtherance of the purposes  
24 set forth in this chapter.

25 (b) The Rhode Island Convention Center Authority is hereby authorized and empowered  
26 to enter into contracts with the ~~Greater Providence Warwick Rhode Island~~ Rhode Island Convention and  
27 Visitors' Bureau in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this chapter.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF

A N A C T  
RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT

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- 1           This act would change the distribution of the hotel tax given to the Greater Providence-  
2   Warwick Convention Center and Visitors' Bureau; change the method of appointment of the  
3   members; and change the distribution of tax to the Rhode Island Convention Center.  
4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

98-S 2630

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1998

## AN ACT

## RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT

98-S 2630

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Walton, Perry and Paiva WeedDate Introduced: February 5, 1998Referred To: Senate Committee on Special Legislation

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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7 1998; elected by the members of the hospitality industry; two (2) members who shall not be  
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10 city of Warwick;

11 (iv) by the board of commissioners of the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority;  
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23 Visitors' Bureau in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this chapter.

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BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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