

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 192

*Approved* March 26, 2002

RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby endorses and urges passage by the General Assembly of Senate Bill 2002 – S 2730 Relating to Towns and Cities – State Aid, substantially the form attached.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 21 2002  
READ AND PASSED  
PRES.  
Michael B. Clement  
CLERK

APPROVED  
MAR 26 2002  
Vincent A. Cianci  
MAYOR

IN CITY COUNCIL  
*Feb. 21, 2002*  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
STATE LEGISLATION  
*Michael R. Clemens*  
CLERK  
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THE COMMITTEE ON  
*State Legislation*  
Recommends *Passage*  
*Michael R. Clemens*  
CLERK  
3/7/02

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*Councilman Allen (By request)*

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=====**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND****IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY****JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2002**

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**A N A C T****RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID****Introduced By:** Senators Ruggerio, Kells, Gallo, DaPonte, and Igliazzi**Date Introduced:** February 07, 2002**Referred To:** Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1-1 SECTION 1. Section 45-13-5.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-13 entitled "State  
1-2 Aid" is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 1-3 **45-13-5.1. General assembly appropriations in lieu of property tax from certain**  
1-4 **exempt private and state properties Appropriations in lieu of property tax from private**  
1-5 **institutions of higher education and private hospitals exempt from taxation by state law. --**
- 1-6 (a) In lieu of the amount of local real property tax on real property owned by any private  
1-7 nonprofit institution of higher education, or any nonprofit hospital facility, or any state owned and  
1-8 operated hospital, veterans' residential facility, or correctional facility occupied by more than 100  
1-9 residents which may have been or will be exempted from taxation by applicable state law,  
1-10 exclusive of any facility operated by the federal government, the state of Rhode Island, or any of  
1-11 its subdivisions, the general assembly shall annually appropriate for payment to the several cities  
1-12 and towns in which the property lies a sum equal to ~~twenty-seven percent (27%)~~ thirty percent  
1-13 (30%) of all tax that would have been collected had the property been taxable.
- 1-14 (b) As used in this section, "private nonprofit institution of higher education" means any

1-15 institution engaged primarily in education beyond the high school level, the property of which is  
1-16 exempt from property tax under any of the subdivisions, and "nonprofit hospital facility" means  
1-17 any nonprofit hospital licensed by the state and which is used for the purpose of general medical,  
1-18 surgical, or psychiatric care and treatment.

1-19 (c) The grant payable to any municipality under the provision of this section shall be  
1-20 equal to ~~twenty-seven percent (27%)~~ thirty percent (30%) of the property taxes which, except for  
2-1 any exemption to any institution of higher education or general hospital facility, would have been  
2-2 paid with respect to that exempt real property on the assessment list in the municipality for the  
2-3 assessment date of December 31, 1986 and with respect to such exempt real property appearing  
2-4 on an assessment list in the municipality on succeeding assessment dates.

2-5 (d) The state budget offices shall include the amount of the annual grant in the state  
2-6 budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1988 and each fiscal year thereafter. ~~The amount~~  
2-7 ~~of the grant payable to each municipality in any year in accordance with this section shall be~~  
2-8 ~~reduced proportionately in the event that the total of those grants in each year exceeds the amount~~  
2-9 ~~appropriated for the purposes of this section with respect to that year;~~

2-10 (e) Distribution of appropriations shall be made by the state on or before July 31 of 1988  
2-11 and each July 31 thereafter, and the payments may be counted as a receivable by any city or town  
2-12 for a fiscal year ending the preceding June 30.

2-13 (f) Any act or omission by the state with respect to this chapter shall in no way diminish  
2-14 the duty of any town or municipality to provide public safety or other ordinary services to the  
2-15 properties or facilities of the type listed in subsection (a).

2-16 (g) Provided, that payments authorized pursuant to this section shall be reduced pro rata,  
2-17 for that period of time that the municipality suspends or reduces essential services to eligible  
2-18 facilities. For the purposes of this section "essential services" include, but are not to be limited to,  
2-19 police, fire and rescue.

2-20 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 TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID****\*\*\***

- 3-1        This act would increase the annual appropriation for payment to cities and towns in  
3-2        which private nonprofit or state owned property is located from twenty-seven percent (27%) to  
3-3        thirty percent (30%).  
3-4        This act would take effect upon passage.

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