

2009 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ACT

Included below are the various Articles of [H-5019Aaa](#) – Revised Appropriations Bill which are of particular relevancy to cities/towns.

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EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

ART. 12 TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS This article would require that, upon the implementation of the statewide system of transportation for special need students and eventually for all students, each school committee must utilize the statewide transportation system unless it fulfills its obligations through the use of district-owned buses and district employees. Finance

ART. 13 SCHOOL AID This article would suspend the professional development investment fund allocation for FY 2009 only, would also reduce FY 2009 education aid for school districts by the equivalent savings realized due to changes in the teachers' retirement system, and, if it was determined that a community was overpaid school housing aid, the community would repay the determined amount over a number of years. Finance

ENVIRONMENT

ART. 3 CLEAN WATER FINANCE AGENCY This article would amend the definition of "financial assistance" as contained in Chapter 46-12.2 – "Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency", and add a definition for "financial assistance" to Chapter 46-12.8 – "Water Projects Revolving Loan Fund". Finance

ART. 8 ENERGY REVOLVING FUND This article would repeal the law creating the energy revolving fund, funding from which was available for use by municipalities. Finance

FINANCE & TAXATION

ART. 6 TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX This article is designed to correct the unintended consequences of frequent revaluations on the tax rate applied to telecommunication tangible property. The tax rate applied by the tax administrator shall not be less than the rate applied in the prior year. Finance

ART. 7 STATE AID This article would restore general revenue sharing payments to municipalities with the total amount of aid being \$25,000,000 with distribution amounts allocated proportionately on the same basis as the original enactment for FY 2009. Finance

RETIREMENT

ART. 10 DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIREMENT SYSTEM This article would defer employer contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System under certain circumstances, and would amend language governing employee contributions in reduced salary situations under the Municipal Employees' Retirement System. Finance

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