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Memorandum

To: The Honorable Steven M. Costantino
Chairman, House Finance Committee

The Honorable Daniel DaPonte
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

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Date: March 3, 2010

Subject: Amendments to Article 23 of FY 2010 Appropriations Act (10-H-7105)

The Governor requests that Article 23 of the FY 2010 Supplemental Appropriations Act entitled "Relating to Rhode Island Public School Employees Uniform Benefit Act" be replaced with the attached version. The new version amends Chapter 27-72 entitled "Rhode Island Public Schools Employee Uniform Benefits Act" by changing the composition of the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island Uniform Public School Employees' Health Care Benefits Program and the appointing authority. The new version also changes the date the Board shall initially convene from September 15, 2009 to April 1, 2010.

If you have any questions regarding the amendments to Article 23, please feel free to call me at 222-6300.

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Attachment

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ARTICLE 23 (Revised 2/24/10)

RELATING TO RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

UNIFORM BENEFIT ACT

SECTION 1. Section 27-73-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 27-73 entitled "Rhode Island Public School Employee Uniform Benefit Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 27-73-3. Board of directors established. – (a) There is established the board of directors of the Rhode Island uniform public school employees' health care benefits program ("board").

(b) The board shall consist of twelve (12) members, as follows:

(1) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the governor, who shall seek recommendations from, and give due consideration to the recommendations of the president of Rhode Island Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals ~~and may. Such members may~~ be active or retired teachers or officials from the union;

(2) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the governor, who shall seek recommendations from, and give due consideration to the recommendations of the president of the National Education Association of Rhode Island ~~and may. Such members may~~ be active or retired teachers or officials from the union;

(3) One member shall be appointed by the governor, who shall seek recommendations from, and give due consideration to the recommendations of the president of RI Council 94 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees;

(4) One member shall be appointed by the governor, who shall seek recommendations from, and give due consideration to the recommendations of the president of the Laborers International Union of North America;

~~(5) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the president of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees;~~

~~(6) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Rhode Island School Superintendents' Association;~~

~~(7) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the president of the Rhode Island Association of School Business Managers; and~~

(5) One member shall be the director of the department of administration, or designee;

(6) One member shall be the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, or designee;

(7) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the governor and shall represent municipal government; and

(8) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the governor and shall represent school committees.

(c) Each appointing authority may remove or replace any member appointed by that appointing authority at any time.

(d) Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

(e) The board shall be initially convened by the Rhode Island department of education on or before ~~September 15, 2009~~ April 1, 2010.

(f) A technical advisory committee to the board shall be created concurrently with the board. The advisory committee shall receive adequate notice to be in attendance and to provide a report at each of the board meetings. The advisory committee shall be composed of one representative of each of the following: the department of elementary and secondary education, the department of administration, the League of Charter Schools and each of the municipal insurance purchasing collaboratives. The department of administration representative shall serve as chair and convener of the advisory committee.

SECTION 2. This article shall take effect upon passage.