

1 acquisition of properties for redevelopment as affordable housing and supportive housing,
2 \$1,500,000 shall be allocated to expanding housing navigation and stabilization services to address
3 the rise in pandemic-related homelessness, \$500,000 shall be allocated to broadband services which
4 may include coordination, mapping, and development of a statewide plan to provide broadband
5 access to unserved and underserved households and businesses, and \$500,000 shall be dedicated to
6 expanding programmatic and administrative capacity for affordable housing in Rhode Island.

7 Executive Office of Health and Human Services \$13,000,000

8 Of this amount, \$7,500,000 shall be allocated to support relief to pediatric providers in
9 response to the decline in visitation and enrollment caused by the public health emergency. Of this
10 amount, \$5,500,000 shall be allocated to early intervention providers in response to a decline in
11 enrollment for early intervention, family home visiting, and screening programs.

12 Department of Children, Youth, and Families \$12,500,000

13 This amount in its entirety shall be allocated to support workforce stabilization
14 supplemental wage payments to eligible direct care and supporting care staff of contracted service
15 providers.

16 Department of Human Services \$13,000,000

17 Of this amount, \$12,700,000 shall be allocated to pay semiannual retention bonuses for
18 direct care staff at childcare centers and licensed family providers in response to pandemic-related
19 staffing shortages. A total of \$300,000 shall be reserved for family childcare incentive start up and
20 technical assistance grants. The Director of Human Services and the Director of Children, Youth
21 and Families may waive any fees otherwise assessed upon childcare provider applicants who have
22 been awarded the family childcare provider incentive grant.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATIONS IN SUPPORT OF FISCAL YEAR
2022

- 1 This act would appropriate federal funds awarded to Rhode Island as part of the State Fiscal
- 2 Recovery Fund (SFRF) by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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