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#### STATE RHODE ISLAND OF

## **IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

### AN ACT

## RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - MERIT SYSTEM

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: March 06, 2012

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 36-4-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-4 entitled "Merit 2 System" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 36-4-10. Changes in plan -- Notice of establishment of new positions. -- Additional 4 classes may be established and existing classes may be divided, combined, altered, or abolished 5 upon recommendation of the personnel administrator, recommendation by the director after public hearing, and approval by the governor. This action may be initiated either by the personnel 6 7 administrator, the director, or on request of an appointing authority. Appointing authorities intending to establish new positions shall so notify the personnel administrator, and except as 8 9 otherwise provided in this chapter, no person shall be appointed to or employed for a new position until it has been properly classified as herein provided and an appropriate list established 10 11 therefor. The director shall hold a public hearing no later than September 30, 2012, and at least 12 bi-annually thereafter. Each public hearing shall address all pending requests to alter 13 classifications, unless otherwise agreed by the parties.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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## EXPLANATION

# BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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- 1 This act would require the director of the department of administration to hold bi-annual
- 2 public hearings to address pending request to alter classifications of public employees.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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