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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - DISCLOSURE OF NAMES OF MUNICIPAL
GOVERNMENT CONSULTANTS

Introduced By: Representatives Nunes, and Hearn

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 45 of the General Laws entitled "TOWNS AND CITIES" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 55.1

4 DISCLOSURE OF NAMES OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTANTS

5 **45-55.1-1. Public disclosure required.** – (a) All departments, agencies, commissions,
6 committees, boards, councils, or authorities or any subdivision thereof of a municipal government
7 and any fire district shall annually prepare and submit to the budget office by October 1 a list
8 containing:

9 (1) The name of any person, privatization contractor, or vendor who performed legal,
10 medical, accounting, engineering, or any other professional, technical or consultant service to the
11 department, commission, board, council, agency or public corporation on a contractual basis
12 during the previous fiscal year; and

13 (2) The amount of compensation received by each consultant during the previous fiscal
14 year.

15 (b) All departments, agencies, commissions, committees, boards, councils, or authorities
16 or any subdivision thereof of a municipal government and any fire district shall prepare and
17 submit to the budget office on an annual basis by October 1 a contracting report containing:

18 (1) Digital/electronic copies of all contracts or agreements by which a nongovernmental

1 person or entity agrees with department, agency, commission, committee, board, councils, or
2 authorities or any subdivision thereof of municipal government and any fire district to provide
3 services, valued at one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) or more, which are substantially
4 similar to and in replacement of work normally performed by an employee of the department,
5 commission, board, council, agency or fire district.

6 (2) Digital/electronic copies of all reports, budgets, audit reports and accounting results.

7 (c) The budget office shall post digital/electronic copies of all contracts, reports, budgets,
8 audit reports and accounting results online using the state's transparency portal or an equivalent
9 website, available for public inspection, annually no later than December 1 of each year.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that the names and compensation of those providing professional
2 services to any agency of a municipality or fire district be made public. It would also require
3 municipalities and fire districts to provide digital/electronic copies of all reports, budgets, audit
4 reports and accounting results to the budget office.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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