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# ARTICLE 15

## RELATING TO MUNICIPALITIES

SECTION 1. Section 45-12-22.2 of the General laws in Chapter 45-12 entitled “Indebtedness of Towns and Cities” is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 45-12-22.2. Monitoring of financial operations – Corrective action.** – Subsections

(a) through ~~(e)~~(h) below shall apply to cities and towns.

(a) The chief financial officer of each municipality and each school district within the state shall continuously monitor financial operations by tracking actual versus budgeted revenue and expense.

(b) The chief financial officer of the municipality shall submit a report on a monthly basis to the municipality's chief executive officer, each member of the city or town council, and school district committee certifying the status of the municipal budget from all fund sources, including the school department budget from all fund sources, or regional school district budget from all fund sources. The chief financial officer of the municipality shall also submit a ~~quarterly report on or before the 25th day of the month succeeding the end of each fiscal quarter~~ budget-to-actual financial information on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> day succeeding the last day of the sixth, ninth, and twelfth month of each fiscal year to the division of municipal finance, ~~the commissioner of education, and the auditor general~~ pursuant to the provisions outlined in section (d) certifying the status of the municipal budget, including the school budget that has been certified by the school department. ~~Each quarterly report submitted must be signed by the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, the superintendent of the school district, and chief financial officer for the school district. The report has to be submitted to the city own council president and the school committee chair. It is encouraged, but not required, to have the council president/school committee chair sign the report.~~ The chief financial officer of the school department or school district shall certify the status of the school district's budget and shall assist in the preparation of these reports. The monthly report and ~~quarterly reports~~ budget-to-actual financial information as required in this section shall be in a format prescribed by the division of municipal finance, the commissioner of education, and the state auditor general. The budget-to-actual financial information and the monthly reports shall contain a statement as to whether any actual or projected shortfalls in budget line items are expected to result in a year-end deficit; the projected

1 impact on year-end financial results, including all accruals and encumbrances; and how the  
2 municipality and school district plans to address any such shortfalls. In the event that the school  
3 reporting is not provided, then state education aid may be withheld pursuant to the provisions of §  
4 16-2-9.4(d).

5 (c) In order to facilitate electronic upload to the “Transparency Portal” as defined herein,  
6 the chief financial officer of the municipality shall also submit, as part of the annual audited  
7 financial statements of the municipality, a municipal data report for the municipality’s general  
8 fund containing content and in a format designated by the division of municipal finance and the  
9 office of the auditor general. Such municipal data report shall be included in the scope of the  
10 annual audit and shall be included in the municipality’s financial statements as supplementary  
11 information.

12 (d) All budget-to-actual financial information as required in (b), municipal data report as  
13 required in (c), and reports required pursuant to the provisions of § 44-35-10 shall be submitted to  
14 the division of municipal finance through the use of the division’s Transparency Portal, in the  
15 format required by the division of municipal finance, which will be located on the division’s  
16 website. The division of municipal finance will create a finalized report from all information  
17 submitted through the Transparency Portal (“Transparency Report”). The division of municipal  
18 finance will submit the Transparency Report to the municipality to be signed by the chief  
19 executive officer, chief financial officer, superintendent of the school district, and chief financial  
20 officer for the school district. All signed Transparency Reports shall be posted to the  
21 municipality’s website within ten (10) business days of receipt of such report. The municipalities  
22 shall provide a copy of the signed Transparency Report to the commissioner of education, the  
23 office of the auditor general, the municipality’s council president, and the school committee chair.  
24 In addition, a copy of the signed Transparency Report which has been designated by the division  
25 of municipal finance for the inclusion in the municipalities audited financial statements shall be  
26 provided by the municipality to its auditor.

27 ~~(e)~~(e)If any of the quarterly reports budget-to-actual financial information  
28 required under subsection (b) project a year-end deficit, the chief financial officer of the  
29 municipality shall submit to the state division of municipal finance, the commissioner of  
30 education, and the auditor general a corrective action plan signed by the chief executive officer  
31 and chief financial officer on or before the last day of the month succeeding the close of the fiscal  
32 quarter in which budget-to-actual financial information is required, which provides for the  
33 avoidance of a year-end deficit or structural deficit that could impact future years, and the school  
34 superintendent shall also comply with the provisions of § 16-2-11(c) to assist in this effort. The

1 plan may include recommendations as to whether an increase in property taxes and/or spending  
2 cuts should be adopted to eliminate the deficit. The plan shall include a legal opinion by  
3 municipal counsel that the proposed actions under the plan are permissible under federal, state,  
4 and local law. The state division of municipal affairs may rely on the written representations  
5 made by the municipality in the plan and will not be required to perform an audit.

6 ~~(f)~~ If the division of municipal finance concludes the plan required hereunder  
7 is insufficient and/or fails to adequately address the financial condition of the municipality, the  
8 division of municipal finance can elect to pursue the remedies identified in § 45-12-22.7.

9 ~~(g)~~ The monthly reports and budget-to-actual financial information required  
10 shall include the financial operations of any departments or funds of municipal government,  
11 including the school department or the regional school district, notwithstanding the status of the  
12 entity as a separate legal body. This provision does not eliminate the additional requirements  
13 placed on local and regional school districts by §§ 16-2-9(f) and 16-3-11(e)(3).

14 (h) The “Transparency Portal” shall be an electronic interface which will be  
15 implemented, maintained, and monitored by the state division of municipal finance with the  
16 assistance of the state department of administration. In addition, the division of municipal finance  
17 shall post to its website a list of participating and non-participating entities for each reporting  
18 cycle identified under subsections (b), (c), and required reports pursuant to § 44-35-10.

19 Subsections ~~(i)~~ through ~~(m)~~ below shall apply to fire districts.

20 ~~(i)~~ The treasurer/chief financial officer or other fiduciary, as applicable, of the  
21 fire district within the state shall continuously monitor the fire district's financial operations by  
22 tracking actual versus budgeted revenue and expense.

23 ~~(j)~~ The treasurer/chief financial officer or other fiduciary, as applicable, of the  
24 fire district shall submit a quarterly report on or before the 25th day of the month succeeding the  
25 end of each fiscal quarter to the division of municipal finance and the state auditor general  
26 certifying the status of the fire district's budget. Each quarterly report submitted must be signed  
27 by the chair of the governing body and the treasurer/chief financial officer. The report shall be  
28 submitted to the members of the governing body and the members of the town council. The  
29 quarterly reports shall be in a format prescribed by the division of municipal finance and the state  
30 auditor general. The reports shall contain a statement as to whether any actual or projected  
31 shortfalls in budget line items are expected to result in a year-end deficit; the projected impact on  
32 year-end financial results including all accruals and encumbrances; and how the fire district plans  
33 to address any such shortfalls.

34 ~~(k)~~ If any of the quarterly reports required under subsection (g) above project

1 a year-end deficit, the treasurer/chief financial officer or other fiduciary, as applicable, of the fire  
2 district shall submit to the division of municipal finance and the state auditor general a corrective  
3 action plan signed by the chair of the governing body and treasurer/chief financial officer, or  
4 other fiduciary as applicable, of the fire district on or before the last day of the month succeeding  
5 the close of the fiscal quarter, which provides for the avoidance of a year-end deficit or structural  
6 deficit that could impact future years. The plan may include recommendations as to whether an  
7 increase in property taxes and/or spending cuts should be adopted to eliminate the deficit. The  
8 plan shall include a legal opinion by legal counsel that the proposed actions under the plan are  
9 permissible under federal, state, and local law. Said plan shall be sent to the members of the fire  
10 district's governing body and the members of the town council. The division of municipal finance  
11 may rely on the written representations made by the governing body of the fire district in the plan  
12 and is not be required to perform an audit.

13 ~~(l)~~ (1) If the division of municipal finance concludes the plan required hereunder is  
14 insufficient and/or fails to adequately address the financial condition of the fire district, the  
15 division of municipal finance can elect to pursue the remedies identified in § 45-12-22.7.

16 ~~(m)~~ (m) The reports and plans required above shall also include, but not be limited  
17 to, a comprehensive overview of the financial operations of the fire district, including a list of the  
18 value of the fire district's assets (tangibles and intangibles) and liabilities.

19 SECTION 2. Section 44-35-10 of the General laws in Chapter 44-35 entitled "Property  
20 Tax and Fiscal Disclosure – Municipal Budgets" is hereby amended to read as follows:

21 **§ 44-35-10. Balanced municipal budgets – Additional reporting requirements –**  
22 **Electronic reporting/municipal uniform chart of accounts.** – (a) The operating budgets for all  
23 cities and towns shall provide for total appropriations which do not exceed total estimated  
24 receipts, taking into account any general fund surplus or deficit estimated to be carried over from  
25 the current fiscal year. The funding of accumulated deficits shall be consistent with the provisions  
26 of § 45-12-22.

27 (b) The chief elected official in each city and town shall provide to the division  
28 of municipal finance within thirty (30) days of final action, in the form and format required by the  
29 division, the adopted budget survey.

30 (c) Within thirty (30) days of final action as referenced in subsection (b) above  
31 each city or town shall provide to the division a five (5) year forecast, in the form and format  
32 required by the division, for major funds as defined by generally accepted accounting principles  
33 as established by the governmental accounting standards board (GASB). ~~The forecast shall~~  
34 ~~include, but not be limited to, a scenario reflecting pensions and post-employment Benefits other~~

1 ~~than pensions (OPEB) obligations at one hundred percent (100%) of the annual required~~  
2 ~~contribution (ARC), both for the general and unrestricted school funds.~~ The forecast shall also  
3 reflect any and all underlying assumptions.

4 (d) The reports required under (b) and (c) above shall be submitted pursuant to  
5 the requirements outlined under § 45-12-22.2 (d).

6 ~~(d)~~(e) Within sixty (60) days of executing changes in healthcare benefits, pension  
7 benefits and OPEB a municipality shall provide a fiscal impact statement to the division of  
8 municipal finance, reflecting the impact on any unfunded liability and ARC, as well as the impact  
9 on the five (5) year forecast. The fiscal impact statements shall show underlying actuarial  
10 assumptions and provide support for underlying assumptions.

11 ~~(e)~~(f) A municipality shall join electronic reporting/implement municipal uniform  
12 chart of accounts (UCOA), within six (6) months of implementation.

13 SECTION 3. Section 42-142-4 of the General laws in Chapter 42-142 entitled  
14 “Department of Revenue” is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 **§ 42-142-4. Division of property valuation and municipal finance.** –(a) There is  
16 hereby established within the department of revenue a division of property valuation and  
17 municipal finance. The head of the office shall be the chief of property valuation and municipal  
18 finance.

19 (b) The division of property valuation and municipal finance shall have the  
20 following duties:

21 (i) Provide assistance and guidance to municipalities in complying with state law;

22 (ii) ~~To e~~Encourage cooperation between municipalities and the state in  
23 calculating, evaluating and distributing state aid;

24 (iii) ~~To maintain a data center of information of use to municipalities;~~ Encourage  
25 the exchange of information between the division and other governmental entities in an effort to  
26 increase shared services by making available, through the use of web based applications or other  
27 mediums municipal vendor contracts and/or any other data the division deems appropriate.

28 (iv) ~~To m~~Maintain and compute financial and equalized property value  
29 information for the benefit of municipalities and public policy decision makers;

30 (v) ~~To e~~Encourage and assure compliance with state laws and policies relating to  
31 municipalities especially in the areas of public disclosure, tax levies, financial reporting, and  
32 property tax issues;

33 (vi) ~~To e~~Encourage cooperation between municipalities and the state by  
34 distributing information and by providing technical assistance to municipalities;

1 (vii) ~~To~~ ~~g~~Give guidance to public decision makers on the equitable distribution of  
2 state aid to municipalities; and

3 (viii) ~~To~~ ~~p~~Provide technical assistance for property tax administration.

4 SECTION 4. Section 45-13-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-13 entitled "State Aid"  
5 is hereby amended to read as follows:

6 **§ 45-13-12. Distressed communities relief fund.** – (a) There is established a fund to  
7 provide state assistance to those Rhode Island cities and towns which have the highest property  
8 tax burdens relative to the wealth of taxpayers.

9 (b) *Establishment of indices.* Four (4) indices of distress shall be established to  
10 determine eligibility for the program. Each community shall be ranked by each distress index and  
11 any community which falls into the lowest twenty percent (20%) of at least three (3) of the four  
12 (4) indices shall be eligible to receive assistance. The four (4) indices are established as follows:

13 (1) *Percent of tax levy to full value of property.* This shall be computed by  
14 dividing the tax levy of each municipality by the full value of property for each municipality. For  
15 the 1990-91 fiscal year, tax levy and full value shall be as of the assessment date December 31,  
16 1986.

17 (2) *Per capita income.* This shall be the most recent estimate reported by the U.S.  
18 Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

19 (3) *Percent of personal income to full value of property.* This shall be computed  
20 by multiplying the per capita income above by the most recent population estimate as reported by  
21 the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, and dividing the result by the full value  
22 of property.

23 (4) *Per capita full value of property.* This shall be the full value of property  
24 divided by the most recent estimate of population by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau  
25 of the Census.

26 (c) *Distribution of funds.* Funds shall be distributed to each eligible community  
27 on the basis of the community's tax levy relative to the total tax levy of all eligible communities.  
28 For the fiscal year 1990-91, the reference year for the tax levy shall be the assessment date of  
29 December 31, 1988. For each fiscal year thereafter, except for fiscal year 2007-2008, the  
30 reference year and the fiscal year shall bear the same relationship. For the fiscal year 2007-2008  
31 the reference year shall be the same as for the distributions made in fiscal year 2006-2007.

32 Any newly qualifying community shall be paid fifty percent (50%) of current law  
33 requirements the first year it qualifies. The remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be distributed to  
34 the other distressed communities proportionately. When any community falls out of the distressed

1 community program, it shall receive a one-time payment of fifty percent (50%) of the prior year  
2 requirement exclusive of any reduction for first year qualification. The community shall be  
3 considered a distressed community in the fall-out year.

4 (d) *Appropriation of funds.* The state of Rhode Island shall appropriate funds in  
5 the annual appropriations act to support this program. For each of the fiscal years ending June 30,  
6 2011, June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013 seven hundred eighty-four thousand four hundred fifty-  
7 eight dollars (\$784,458) of the total appropriation shall be distributed equally to each qualifying  
8 distressed community.

9 (e) *Payments.* Payments shall be made to eligible communities each August.

10 (f) Mandatory Participation for Collection of Debts. Any community determined to be a  
11 distressed community under this chapter shall, within three (3) months of said determination,  
12 contract with the tax administrator, pursuant to § 42-142-7, to allow the tax administrator to  
13 collect outstanding liabilities owed to the distressed community. The division of municipal  
14 finance shall determine which of said liabilities shall be subject to the collection by the tax  
15 administrator.

16 SECTION 5. Sections 44-5-11.5 and 44-5-11.6 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5  
17 entitled “Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes” are hereby amended to read as follows:

18 **§ 44-5-11.5. Legislative Findings—Revaluation cycle.**—It is found and declared that:

19 (1) Rhode Island property taxes continue to play a significant role in the  
20 financing of local educational and municipal services. The general assembly recognizes that the  
21 way the property tax is assessed, levied and collected can be improved to provide ~~more reliable~~  
22 ~~and up-to-date property values in each of the cities and towns.~~ maximum efficiencies and cost  
23 savings while maintaining reliable property values in each of the cities and towns.

24 ~~(2) The state's ten (10) year property revaluation cycle is the longest revaluation~~  
25 ~~cycle in the country. Infrequent revaluations translate into disparities in property tax burden~~  
26 ~~between types and classes of property within and among cities and towns. In addition, because~~  
27 ~~each city and town represents multiple systems and procedures for administering the property tax,~~  
28 ~~there is an inconsistent administration of property tax law and regulations.~~

29 ~~(3)~~(2) It is the intent of the general assembly to ensure that all taxpayers in Rhode  
30 Island are treated equitably. ~~The more frequent the revaluation, the greater the equity within and~~  
31 ~~among jurisdictions.~~ Ensuring that taxpayers are treated fairly begins with modernizing the  
32 administration of the property tax that ensures:

33 (i) Up-to-date property values are maintained through ~~more frequent~~ regularly  
34 scheduled property revaluations;

1 (ii) Cities and towns meet defined standards related to performing updates of property  
2 values;

3 (iii) The state shares in the cost of performing updates of property values in the cities and  
4 towns;

5 (iv) A meaningful and effective method of ensuring that cities and towns comply  
6 with the ~~nine (9)~~ fifteen (15) year revaluation cycle and the updates of property values are  
7 developed;

8 (v) Procedures for administering the property tax are standardized – such as  
9 general reporting and classification systems;

10 (vi) Assessors and contracted property revaluation companies meet appropriate  
11 qualifications and standards; and

12 (vii) Intergovernmental cooperation in the administration of the property tax is  
13 maximized.

14 ~~(4)~~(3) With these findings in mind, it is the intent of the general assembly to  
15 institute a revaluation cycle where every city or town conducts ~~a revaluation within nine (9) years~~  
16 two (2) updates in ten (10) years at five (5) year intervals from ~~of~~ the date of the prior revaluation  
17 and shall conduct ~~an update~~ a revaluation of real property ~~every three (3)~~ five (5) years from the  
18 date of the ~~last~~ second of said revaluation. Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit a city  
19 or town from conducting more frequent updates or revaluations.

20 **§ 44-5-11.6. Assessment of valuations – Apportionment of levies.** –(a)

21 Notwithstanding the provisions of § 44-5-11 [repealed], beginning on December 31, 2000, the  
22 assessors in the several towns and cities shall conduct an update as defined in this section or shall  
23 assess all valuations and apportion the levy of all taxes legally ordered under the rules and  
24 regulations, not repugnant to law, as the town meetings and city councils, respectively, shall,  
25 from time to time, prescribe; provided, that the update or valuation is performed in accordance  
26 with the following schedules:

27 (1)(i) For a transition period, for cities and towns that conducted or implemented  
28 a revaluation as of 1993 or in years later:

	Update	
29		
30	Revaluation	
31	Lincoln	2000 2003
32	South Kingstown	2000 2003
33	Smithfield	2000 2003
34	West Warwick	2000 2003

1	Johnston	2000	2003
2	Burrillville	2000	2003
3	North Smithfield	2000	2003
4	Central Falls	2000	2003
5	North Kingstown	2000	2003
6	Jamestown	2000	2003
7	North Providence	2001	2004
8	Cumberland	2001	2004
9	Bristol	2004	2001
10	Charlestown	2001	2004
11	East Greenwich	2002	2005
12	Cranston	2005	2005
13	Barrington	2005	2005
14	Warwick	2003	2006
15	Warren	2003	2006
16	East Providence	2003	2006

17 (ii) Provided that the reevaluation period for the town of New Shoreham shall be  
18 extended to 2003 and the update for the town of Hopkinton may be extended to 2007 with no  
19 additional reimbursements by the state relating to the delay.

20 (iii) The implementation date for this schedule is December 31st, of the stated  
21 year.

22 (iv) ~~Those cities and towns not listed in this schedule shall continue the~~  
23 ~~reevaluation schedule pursuant to § 44-5-11 [repealed].~~ The law in effect prior to the effective date  
24 hereof requiring revaluations and updates on certain specified dates, shall continue to be in effect  
25 after the effective date hereof for those cities and towns which are required to conduct  
26 reevaluations and updates prior to the date listed in update 1 column of the schedule below.

27 (2)(i) ~~For the post transition period and in years thereafter~~ Except as provided in  
28 (a)(1)(iv) above in years subsequent to the effective date hereof:

	Update #1	Update # 2	Revaluation
30	Woonsocket	<del>2002</del> <u>2011</u>	<del>2005</del> <u>2014</u> <del>2008</del> <u>2019</u>
31	Pawtucket	<del>2002</del> <u>2011</u>	<del>2005</del> <u>2014</u> <del>2008</del> <u>2019</u>
32	Portsmouth	<del>2004</del> <u>2021</u>	<del>2004</del> <u>2026</u> <del>2007</del> <u>2031</u>
33	Coventry	<del>2001</del> <u>2021</u>	<del>2004</del> <u>2026</u> <del>2007</del> <u>2031</u>
34	Providence	<del>2003</del> <u>2012</u>	<del>2006</del> <u>2015</u> <del>2009</del> <u>2020</u>

1	Foster	<del>2002</del>	<u>2022</u>	<del>2005</del>	<u>2027</u>	<del>2008</del>	<u>2032</u>
2	Middletown	<del>2002</del>	<u>2022</u>	<del>2005</del>	<u>2027</u>	<del>2008</del>	<u>2032</u>
3	Little Compton	<del>2003</del>	<u>2023</u>	<del>2006</del>	<u>2028</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2033</u>
4	Scituate	<del>2003</del>	<u>2023</u>	<del>2006</del>	<u>2028</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2033</u>
5	Westerly	<del>2003</del>	<u>2023</u>	<del>2006</del>	<u>2028</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2033</u>
6	West Greenwich	<del>2004</del>	<u>2013</u>	<del>2007</del>	<u>2016</u>	<del>2010</del>	<u>2021</u>
7	Glocester	<del>2004</del>	<u>2013</u>	<del>2007</del>	<u>2016</u>	<del>2010</del>	<u>2021</u>
8	Richmond	<del>2004</del>	<u>2013</u>	<del>2007</del>	<u>2016</u>	<del>2010</del>	<u>2021</u>
9	Bristol	<del>2004</del>	<u>2021</u>	<del>2007</del>	<u>2026</u>	<del>2010</del>	<u>2031</u>
10	Tiverton	<del>2005</del>	<u>2014</u>	<del>2008</del>	<u>2017</u>	<del>2011</del>	<u>2022</u>
11	Newport	<del>2005</del>	<u>2014</u>	<del>2008</del>	<u>2018</u>	<del>2011</del>	<u>2023</u>
12	New Shoreham	<del>2006</del>	<u>2015</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2018</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2023</u>
13	Narragansett	<del>2005</del>	<u>2014</u>	<del>2008</del>	<u>2017</u>	<del>2011</del>	<u>2022</u>
14	Exeter	<del>2005</del>	<u>2014</u>	<del>2008</del>	<u>2017</u>	<del>2011</del>	<u>2022</u>
15	Hopkinton	<del>2007</del>	<u>2016</u>	<del>2010</del>	<u>2021</u>	<del>2013</del>	<u>2026</u>
16	Lincoln	<del>2006</del>	<u>2015</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2019</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2024</u>
17	South Kingstown	<del>2006</del>	<u>2015</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2018</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2023</u>
18	Smithfield	<del>2006</del>	<u>2015</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2018</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2023</u>
19	West Warwick	<del>2006</del>	<u>2015</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2020</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2025</u>
20	Johnston	<del>2006</del>	<u>2015</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2019</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2024</u>
21	Burrillville	<del>2006</del>	<u>2015</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2018</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2023</u>
22	North Smithfield	<del>2006</del>	<u>2015</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2019</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2024</u>
23	Central Falls	<del>2006</del>	<u>2015</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2020</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2025</u>
24	North Kingstown	<del>2006</del>	<u>2015</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2018</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2023</u>
25	Jamestown	<del>2006</del>	<u>2015</u>	<del>2009</del>	<u>2018</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2023</u>
26	North Providence	<del>2007</del>	<u>2016</u>	<del>2010</del>	<u>2021</u>	<del>2013</del>	<u>2026</u>
27	Cumberland	<del>2007</del>	<u>2016</u>	<del>2010</del>	<u>2021</u>	<del>2013</del>	<u>2026</u>
28	Charlestown	<del>2007</del>	<u>2016</u>	<del>2010</del>	<u>2021</u>	<del>2013</del>	<u>2026</u>
29	East Greenwich	<del>2008</del>	<u>2017</u>	<del>2011</del>	<u>2022</u>	<del>2014</del>	<u>2027</u>
30	Cranston	<del>2008</del>	<u>2019</u>	<del>2011</del>	<u>2024</u>	<del>2014</del>	<u>2029</u>
31	Barrington	<del>2008</del>	<u>2017</u>	<del>2011</del>	<u>2022</u>	<del>2014</del>	<u>2027</u>
32	Warwick	<del>2009</del>	<u>2019</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2024</u>	<del>2015</del>	<u>2029</u>
33	Warren	<del>2009</del>	<u>2018</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2023</u>	<del>2015</del>	<u>2028</u>
34	East Providence	<del>2009</del>	<u>2020</u>	<del>2012</del>	<u>2025</u>	<del>2015</del>	<u>2030</u>

1 (ii) The implementation date for the schedule is December 31st of the stated year. Upon  
2 the completion of the ~~update and revaluation according to this~~ schedule, spelled out in (i) above,  
3 each city and town shall continue to conduct revaluations and updates in accordance with § 44-5-  
4 11.5 (3). a revaluation within nine (9) years of the date of the prior revaluation and shall conduct  
5 an update of real property every three (3) years from the last revaluation. Provided, that for the  
6 town of Bristol, the time for the first statistical update following the 2010 revaluation shall be  
7 extended from 2013 to 2014 and said statistical update shall be based on valuations as of  
8 December 31, 2014.

9 (b) No later than February 1, 1998, the director of the department of revenue shall  
10 promulgate rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of this section to define the  
11 requirements for the updates that shall include, but not be limited to:

12 (1) An analysis of sales;

13 (2) A rebuilding of land value tables;

14 (3) A rebuilding of cost tables of all improvement items; and

15 (4) *A rebuilding of depreciation schedules*. Upon completion of an update, each  
16 city or town shall provide for a hearing and/or appeal process for any aggrieved person to address  
17 any issue that arose during the update.

18 (c) The costs incurred by the towns and cities for the first update shall be borne  
19 by the state in an amount not to exceed twenty dollars (\$20.00) per parcel. The costs incurred by  
20 the towns and cities for the second update shall be borne eighty percent (80%) by the state (in an  
21 amount not to exceed sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per parcel) and twenty percent (20%) by the town  
22 or city, and in the third update and thereafter, the state shall pay sixty percent (60%) of the update  
23 (not to exceed twelve dollars (\$12.00) per parcel) and the town or city shall pay forty percent  
24 (40%); provided, that for the second update and in all updates thereafter, that the costs incurred  
25 by any city or town that is determined to be a distressed community pursuant to § 45-13-12 shall  
26 be borne eighty percent (80%) by the state and twenty percent (20%) by the city or town for all  
27 updates required by this section.

28 (d) The office of municipal affairs, after consultation with the League of Cities  
29 and Towns and the Rhode Island Assessors' Association, shall recommend adjustments to the  
30 costs formula described in subsection (c) of this section based upon existing market conditions.

31 (e) Any property that is either exempt from the local property tax pursuant to §  
32 44-3-3 or pays a city or town an amount in lieu of taxes is not required to have its values updated  
33 pursuant to this section and the property is not eligible for the reimbursement provisions of  
34 subsection (c) of this section. However, those properties that are exempt from taxation and are

1 eligible for state appropriations in lieu of property tax under the provisions of § 45-13-5.1 are  
2 eligible for state reimbursement pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, provided, that these  
3 properties were revalued as part of that city or town's most recent property revaluation.

4 (f) No city or town is required to conduct an update pursuant to this section  
5 unless the state has appropriated sufficient funds to cover the state's costs as identified in  
6 subsection (c) of this section.

7 (g) Any city or town that fails to conduct an update or revaluation as required by  
8 this section, or requests and receives an extension of the dates specified in this section, shall  
9 receive the same amount of state aid under §§ 45-13-1, 45-13-5.1, and 45-13-12 in the budget  
10 year for which the new values were to apply as the city or town received in-state aid in the  
11 previous budget year; provided, however, if the new year's entitlement is lower than the prior  
12 year's entitlement, the lower amount applies, except for the town of New Shoreham for the fiscal  
13 year 2003.

14 (h) Any bill or resolution to extend the dates for a city or town to conduct an  
15 update or revaluation must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of both houses of the  
16 general assembly.

17 (i) The department of revenue shall annually publish a fifteen (15) year schedule of the  
18 updates and revaluations required of each city and town in order to assist municipalities in  
19 complying with the requirements of this section.

20 SECTION 6. This article shall take effect upon passage.