

1 **ARTICLE 4**

2 **RELATING TO DEBT MANAGEMENT ACT JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

3 SECTION 1. This article shall serve as joint resolution required pursuant to Rhode Island  
4 General Law § 35-18-1, *et seq.* and propose legislation related thereto.

5 SECTION 2. *Enterprise Resource Planning Information Technology Improvements*

6 WHEREAS, The funds generated from the sale of State property to be deposited into the  
7 information technology investment fund will be insufficient to fund the Enterprise Resource  
8 Planning system and application upgrades that are required and anticipated by the State in the  
9 immediate future; and

10 WHEREAS, The projects which make up the Enterprise Resource Planning System and  
11 are not able to be financed through the information technology investment fund include, but are not  
12 limited to: department of administration statewide human resources, payroll, grants management,  
13 and financial information software applications; and

14 WHEREAS, Modernizing the existing enterprise software applications will greatly reduce  
15 risk and increase security, enable new capabilities, and address significant repeat audit findings  
16 from the office of the auditor general; and

17 WHEREAS, The total project costs associated with these information technology  
18 improvements are estimated to be seventy three million seven hundred thousand dollars  
19 (\$73,700,000). Of those project costs, eighteen million nine hundred thousand dollars  
20 (\$18,900,000) will be financed from the information technology internal service fund. The balance  
21 of fifty four million eight hundred thousand (\$54,800,000) may be financed through two series of  
22 certificates of participation. Thirty six million three hundred thousand dollars (\$36,300,000) may  
23 be issued in fiscal year 2021 with a term of seven (7) years, and eighteen million five hundred  
24 thousand dollars (\$18,500,000) may be issued in fiscal year 2023 with a term of seven (7) years.  
25 Total debt service on the bonds is not expected to exceed sixty one million dollars (\$61,000,000)  
26 in the aggregate based on an estimated average interest rate of two and seventy five hundredths  
27 percent (2.75%); now, therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That this general assembly hereby approves financing in an amount not to  
29 exceed fifty four million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$54,800,000) for the provision of  
30 information technology improvements, which includes costs of financing; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That this joint resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage by  
32 the General Assembly.

33 SECTION 3. *DCYF Child Welfare Information System Replacement*

1           WHEREAS, The Rhode Island department of children, youth, and families is a department  
2 of the State of Rhode Island, exercising public and essential governmental functions of the State,  
3 created by the General Assembly pursuant to chapter 72 of title 42; and

4           WHEREAS, A new Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System would be a  
5 comprehensive, automated case management tool that supports child welfare practice. This  
6 information system would be a complete, current accurate and unified case management history of  
7 all children and families served by Rhode Island's Title IV-E. Such modern systems allow child  
8 welfare agencies to respond more adeptly to changes in standards and practices, as well as provide  
9 advanced analytics and data to ensure that children in care are kept safe; and

10           WHEREAS, The current department of children, youth, and families Child Welfare  
11 Information System (RICHIST) is over twenty two (22) years old and relies on dated technology  
12 (Sybase with PowerBuilder). The system has been highly customized over the years and is difficult  
13 to maintain. This technology, as set up today, impedes current child welfare practice through its  
14 lack of configurability, lack of mobile access for workers in the field, and lack of access to real-  
15 time information when making decisions impacting child placement and services. The system is  
16 currently on premise supported by a vendor. This dated technology also makes it difficult to acquire  
17 appropriate technical support to work on the system.); and

18           WHEREAS, The project costs associated with the replacement of RICHIST are estimated  
19 to be twenty eight million dollars (\$28,000,000) and implementation costs would be shared by the  
20 federal government at forty percent (40%) begin in fiscal year 2021.

21           WHEREAS, The total payments on the State's obligation over ten (10) years on the state's  
22 share of seventeen million dollars (\$17,000,000) issuance are projected to be nineteen million seven  
23 hundred thousand dollars (\$19,700,000), assuming an estimated average interest rate of two and  
24 seventy five hundredths percent (2.75%). The payments would be financed within the department  
25 of administration from general revenue appropriations; and

26           WHEREAS, The department of children, youth, and families will be able to leverage  
27 federal funding available to pay for forty percent (40%) of the system implementation costs during  
28 development; now, therefore be it

29           RESOLVED, That this general assembly hereby approves financing in an amount not to  
30 exceed seventeen million dollars (\$17,000,000) for the provision of replacing the department of  
31 children, youth, and families child welfare information system, including costs of financing; and  
32 be it further

33           RESOLVED, That this joint resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage by  
34 the General Assembly.

1 SECTION 4. *Eleanor Slater Hospital Project-Regan Building Renovation*

2 WHEREAS, The Eleanor Slater Hospital ("Hospital") provides long-term care for  
3 approximately two hundred twenty (220) individuals with complex psychiatric and medical needs  
4 on two campuses: Pastore and Zambarano; and

5 WHEREAS, The Hospital is licensed by the Rhode Island department of health and  
6 accredited triennially by the Joint Commission for the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations  
7 ("JCAHO") that enables it to bill Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial insurances for the care it  
8 provides; and

9 WHEREAS, The Hospital generates approximately fifty five million dollars (\$55,000,000)  
10 in revenue annually; and

11 WHEREAS, The Eleanor Slater Hospital at Pastore Center has patients with psychiatric  
12 needs who are currently in three buildings (Benton, Regan and Adolph Meyer) of which Regan and  
13 Adolph Meyer are older buildings that have not been renovated in many years; and have been cited  
14 by the JCAHO for a significant number of ligature risks that exist; and

15 WHEREAS, In January 2017, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS")  
16 published standards designed to address the increased number of suicides and suicide attempts in  
17 hospitals; such standards required significant renovations to reduce ligature risks on inpatient  
18 psychiatric units; and

19 WHEREAS, In September 2017, JCAHO performed its triennial survey, identified  
20 significant ligature risks at the Pinel, Regan and the Adolph Meyer Buildings and as a result, gave  
21 the Hospital a conditional accreditation, requiring it to submit a remedial action plan to address the  
22 ligature risks in all three buildings; and

23 WHEREAS, The Regan and the Adolph Meyer Buildings currently do not meet JCAHO  
24 and CMS requirements and a loss of accreditation for failure to meet the submitted plan could lead  
25 to the loss of approximately fifty five million dollars (\$55,000,000) in annual revenue; and

26 WHEREAS, The Hospital submitted a plan to JCAHO to renovate both the Benton Center  
27 and the Regan Building, and to close the Pinel and Adolph Meyer Buildings, thus enabling it to  
28 achieve full accreditation; and

29 WHEREAS, The Hospital has completed renovations at the Benton Center converting it to  
30 a forensic psychiatric hospital and closed the Pinel building; and

31 WHEREAS, A renovation of the Adolph Meyer Building is not feasible and not financially  
32 prudent due to the magnitude of renovations required to achieve compliance; and

33 WHEREAS, The Regan Building is newer, has fewer ligature risks and has two floors  
34 currently not housing patients; and

1           WHEREAS, There are significant ligature risks that exist in Adolph Meyer and the current  
2 size of the units are twelve (12) to fifteen (15) beds which are too small to be efficient in hospitals,  
3 while the size of the patient care units in Regan are twenty-four (24) to twenty-eight (28) beds -  
4 more typical of patient care units today; and

5           WHEREAS, Closing the Adolph Meyer Building will enable the Hospital to reduce  
6 operating costs and address the deficiencies cited by the JCAHO; and

7           WHEREAS, The current Regan facility is underutilized and can accommodate additional  
8 bed capacity once renovations are complete; and

9           WHEREAS, To accommodate the remaining psychiatric patients from the Adolph Meyer  
10 Building, the Regan building requires extensive renovations to meet the current building standards  
11 for psychiatric inpatient units, including requirements for ligature resistant features, program areas,  
12 step down areas, quiet rooms, restraint rooms and private rooms that currently do not exist in the  
13 Regan or the Adolph Meyer Buildings; and

14           WHEREAS, The renovated Regan facility will have a total of one hundred six (106) beds  
15 with larger inpatient units and program space within the units, allowing the closure of Adolph  
16 Meyer, thus enabling the Hospital to reduce operating costs and develop programs to assist patients  
17 in their recovery and ultimate discharge; and

18           WHEREAS, Due to its age and deferred maintenance, the Regan Building requires  
19 significant infrastructure upgrades including: elevator replacement, masonry and envelope leak  
20 repair, and a roof replacement with an estimated total cost of nineteen million dollars  
21 (\$19,000,000); and

22           WHEREAS, The capital costs associated with this project are estimated to be sixty one  
23 million, eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$61,850,000). This includes twenty seven million  
24 eight hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$27,850,000) from the Rhode Island Capital Plan Fund for  
25 the renovation of the Benton and Regan Buildings and twenty two million (\$22,000,000) from a  
26 previous authorization of Certificates of Participation and a new issuance of Certificates of  
27 Participation totaling twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to finance the Regan Building  
28 renovations. Total lease payments over fifteen (15) years on the new \$12,000,000 issuance are  
29 projected to be fourteen million eight hundred thousand (\$14,800,000), assuming an estimated  
30 average interest rate of two and seventy five hundredths percent (2.75%). The lease payments  
31 would be financed within the department of administration from general revenue appropriations;  
32 now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That a renovation of the Regan Building as part of Eleanor Slater Hospital,  
2 is critical to provide patients with an environment that meets current building standards for  
3 psychiatric hospitals and to meet CMS and JCAHO accreditation requirements; and be it further

4           RESOLVED, This General Assembly hereby approves the issuance of certificates of  
5 participation in an amount not to exceed twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) for the renovation of  
6 the Regan Building, including costs of financing, as part of the Eleanor Slater Hospital; and be it  
7 further

8           RESOLVED, That this joint resolution shall apply to bonds issued within five (5) years of  
9 the date of passage of this resolution; and be it further

10          RESOLVED, That this joint resolution shall take effect upon passage by this general  
11 assembly.

12          SECTION 5. *Department of Public Safety – Southern Barracks*

13          WHEREAS, After Master Planning Services for facilities operated, controlled and  
14 occupied by the Rhode Island state police (“Division”) and Feasibility Study Services for the  
15 Wickford, Hope Valley and Portsmouth Barracks was conducted; and

16          WHEREAS, The Master Planning Committee comprised of contracted Architectural &  
17 Engineering Design Services, members of Rhode Island state police, the division of capital asset  
18 management and maintenance, and the office of management and budget collaborated; and

19          WHEREAS, The Master Plan and Feasibility Study indicates that the improvements of the  
20 current Wickford, Hope Valley and Portsmouth Barracks are not feasible as they were built in the  
21 1930s, are undersized, are no longer located along the main thoroughfares of the State, are in poor  
22 condition with environmental health issues, are not Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and code  
23 compliant, have inadequate security and technology infrastructure and are expensive to operate and  
24 maintain; and,

25          WHEREAS, The Master Plan recommends consolidation of services provided by the  
26 Wickford, Hope Valley and Portsmouth barracks by constructing one consolidated modern  
27 southern barracks at approximately thirty eight thousand (38,000) square feet to accommodate  
28 eighty (80) sworn Division personnel located in a centralized area of the State best suitable for  
29 deployment of personnel and accessibility to citizens and motorists; and

30          WHEREAS, The project costs associated with the construction of a new, modern southern  
31 barracks for the Division are estimated to be thirty five million dollars (\$35,000,000). The total  
32 payments on the State’s obligation over fifteen (15) years are projected to be forty three million  
33 two hundred thousand dollars (\$43,200,000), assuming an estimated average interest rate of two

1 and seventy five hundredths percent (2.75%). The payments would be financed within the  
2 department of administration from general revenue appropriations; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly hereby approves financing in an amount not to  
4 exceed thirty five million dollars (\$35,000,000) for the provision of financing for construction of  
5 a southern barracks including costs of financing at the site determined to be best suitable by the  
6 Master Plan Committee; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That this Joint Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage by  
8 this General Assembly.

9 SECTION 6. *Joint Resolution and Enactment Approving the Financing of Various*  
10 *Department of Transportation Projects*

11 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island department of transportation (“Department”) is a  
12 department of the State of Rhode Island, exercising public and essential governmental functions of  
13 the State, created by the general assembly pursuant to chapter 13 of title 42 (as enacted, reenacted  
14 and amended, the "Act"); and

15 WHEREAS, The State recognizes that the Henderson Bridge and other facilities of or  
16 within the control of the Department are an essential part of the State's transportation system and  
17 facilitates the tourism industry; and it is the policy of the State that the public welfare and the further  
18 economic development and the prosperity of the state requires the maintenance of such facilities  
19 and the financing thereof; and

20 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2019,  
21 title I of division G, Public Law 116-6 includes one-time funding to the State of approximately  
22 seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000) and increases to annual formula funding of approximately  
23 fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000); and

24 WHEREAS, Obligating federal funds towards infrastructure projects requires State  
25 matching funds; and

26 WHEREAS, Existing State transportation funds are committed to active transportation  
27 infrastructure projects as programmed in the State Transportation Improvement Program; and

28 WHEREAS, The design, construction, equipping and completion of these improvements  
29 will be financed in whole or in part either through revenue bonds issued pursuant to the Motor Fuel  
30 Revenue Bonds Program by the State or through revenue bonds issued pursuant to the Motor Fuel  
31 Revenue Bonds Program by the Rhode Island commerce corporation ("Commerce Corporation")  
32 or through revenue bonds issued pursuant to the Motor Fuel Revenue Bonds Program by another  
33 agency, instrumentality or quasi-public corporation established by the State now or hereafter and  
34 otherwise authorized and empowered pursuant to law to issue bonds of the type referenced herein

1 for the types of projects enumerated herein, with either issuance having an expected term of fifteen  
2 (15) years; and

3 WHEREAS, Pursuant to § 31-36-20, two cents (\$0.02) per gallon of the motor fuel tax is  
4 transferred to an indenture trustee, administrator, or other third party fiduciary, in an amount not to  
5 exceed two cents (\$0.02) per gallon of the gas tax imposed, in order to satisfy debt service payments  
6 on aggregate bonds issued pursuant to a Joint Resolution and Enactment approving the financing  
7 of various department projects; and

8 WHEREAS, Pursuant to §§ 35-18-3 and 35-18-4 of the Rhode Island Public Corporation  
9 Debt Management Act (as enacted, reenacted and amended, the "Debt Management Act"), the  
10 Department hereby requests the approval by the General Assembly of the issuance of not more than  
11 sixty four million two hundred forty five thousand dollars (\$64,245,000) Motor Fuel Revenue  
12 Bonds with a term not to exceed fifteen (15) years (the "bonds") to be secured by motor fuel taxes  
13 and/or other revenues, for the purpose of providing funds to finance the renovation, renewal, repair,  
14 rehabilitation, retrofitting, upgrading and improvement of the Henderson Bridge, and other projects  
15 authorized under the act, replacement of the components thereof, working capital, capitalized  
16 interest, a debt service reserve and the costs of issuing and insuring the Bonds ("Project"); and

17 WHEREAS, The Project constitutes essential public facilities directly benefiting the State;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The State shall directly benefit economically from the Project by the repair,  
20 maintenance and improvement of the State transportation infrastructure; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED AND ENACTED, That this General Assembly finds that the Henderson  
22 Bridge replacement and other bridge and highway capital projects identified in the State  
23 Transportation Improvement Program are essential public facilities and are of a type and nature  
24 consistent with the purposes and within the powers of the Department to undertake, and hereby  
25 approves the issuance of not more than \$64,245,000 in bonds, which amount is in addition to all  
26 prior authorizations; and be further

27 RESOLVED, That the bonds be issued by the State of Rhode Island or the Commerce  
28 Corporation or a subsidiary thereof or other agency, instrumentality or quasi-public corporation  
29 established by the State now or hereafter and otherwise authorized and empowered pursuant to law  
30 to issue bonds of the type referenced herein for the types of projects enumerated herein and to incur  
31 and pay debt service payments for such bonds in an amount not to exceed eighty two million four  
32 hundred thousand dollars (\$82,400,000) as specified herein for bonds issued for Henderson Bridge  
33 and other bridge and highway capital projects, such debt service payments to be made from the  
34 Motor Fuel Tax Allocation, as hereinafter defined, or such other revenue source as the Rhode Island

1 general assembly shall designate from time to time, for the construction, design, maintenance,  
2 completion, finance costs, including, but not limited to, costs of issuance, credit enhancement, legal  
3 counsel and underwriter fees and expenses and other costs associated with the Henderson Bridge  
4 replacement and other bridge and highway capital projects; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That any bonds or notes issued pursuant to Section 6 of this Joint Resolution  
6 and Act shall not constitute "State debt" within the meaning of Article 6, Section 16 of the Rhode  
7 Island Constitution and shall be the obligations of only the issuer of such obligations; and be it  
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the governor of the State of Rhode Island or the director of the Rhode  
10 Island department of transportation or the director of the Rhode Island department of administration  
11 or the president of the Commerce Corporation each be and each hereafter are, acting singly,  
12 authorized and empowered by the Rhode Island general assembly to enter into a financing lease,  
13 guarantee, loan and trust agreement, indenture or other obligations or contracts or agreements and  
14 to take such other actions as such official shall deem necessary or appropriate in order to issue or  
15 facilitate the issuance of bonds referenced herein and to provide the Commerce Corporation or any  
16 subsidiary thereof or other instrumentality, agency or quasi-public corporation otherwise  
17 authorized and empowered to issue the bonds specified in this Joint Resolution and Act for the  
18 projects specified above with the necessary debt service payments up to the amounts specified  
19 above and the necessary security for such bonds consistent with the provisions of this Joint  
20 Resolution and Act, including any action to pledge, assign or otherwise transfer the right to receive  
21 all or any portion of revenues permitted by the laws of the State to secure or provide for the payment  
22 of any such bonds; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That, this Joint Resolution shall take effect upon passage; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That any issuance of bonds or notes authorized in the preceding paragraphs  
25 may be effectuated in an aggregate principal amount representing the sum of the authorized State  
26 Match Bonds, and that the Rhode Island General Laws be amended as follows:

27 SECTION 7. Section 31-36-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-36 entitled "Motor Fuel  
28 Tax" is hereby amended to read as follows:

29 **31-36-20. Disposition of proceeds.** -- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to  
30 the contrary, all moneys paid into the general treasury under the provisions of this chapter or chapter  
31 37 of this title, and title 46 shall be applied to and held in a separate fund and be deposited in any  
32 depositories that may be selected by the general treasurer to the credit of the fund, which fund shall  
33 be known as the Intermodal Surface Transportation Fund; provided, that in fiscal year 2004 for the  
34 months of July through April six and eighty-five hundredth cents (\$0.0685) per gallon of the tax



1 imposed and accruing for the liability under the provisions of § 31-36-7, less refunds and credits,  
2 shall be transferred to the Rhode Island public transit authority as provided under § 39-18-21. For  
3 the months of May and June in fiscal year 2004, the allocation shall be five and five hundredth  
4 cents (\$0.0505). Thereafter, until fiscal year 2006, the allocation shall be six and twenty-five  
5 hundredth cents (\$0.0625). For fiscal years 2006 through FY 2008, the allocation shall be seven  
6 and twenty-five hundredth cents (\$0.0725); provided, that expenditures shall include the costs of a  
7 market survey of non-transit users and a management study of the agency to include the feasibility  
8 of moving the Authority into the Department of Transportation, both to be conducted under the  
9 auspices of the state budget officer. The state budget officer shall hire necessary consultants to  
10 perform the studies, and shall direct payment by the Authority. Both studies shall be transmitted by  
11 the Budget Officer to the 2006 session of the General Assembly, with comments from the  
12 Authority. For fiscal year 2009, the allocation shall be seven and seventy-five hundredth cents  
13 (\$0.0775), of which one-half cent (\$0.005) shall be derived from the one cent (\$0.01) per gallon  
14 environmental protection fee pursuant to § 46-12.9-11. For fiscal years 2010 and thereafter, the  
15 allocation shall be nine and seventy-five hundredth cents (\$0.0975), of which of one-half cent  
16 (\$0.005) shall be derived from the one cent (\$0.01) per gallon environmental protection fee  
17 pursuant to § 46-12.9-11. One cent (\$0.01) per gallon shall be transferred to the Elderly/Disabled  
18 Transportation Program of the department of human services, and the remaining cents per gallon  
19 shall be available for general revenue as determined by the following schedule:

20 (i) For the fiscal year 2000, three and one fourth cents (\$0.0325) shall be available for  
21 general revenue.

22 (ii) For the fiscal year 2001, one and three-fourth cents (\$0.0175) shall be available for  
23 general revenue.

24 (iii) For the fiscal year 2002, one-fourth cent (\$0.0025) shall be available for general  
25 revenue.

26 (iv) For the fiscal year 2003, two and one-fourth cent (\$0.0225) shall be available for  
27 general revenue.

28 (v) For the months of July through April in fiscal year 2004, one and four-tenths cents  
29 (\$0.014) shall be available for general revenue. For the months of May through June in fiscal year  
30 2004, three and two-tenths cents (\$0.032) shall be available for general revenue, and thereafter,  
31 until fiscal year 2006, two cents (\$0.02) shall be available for general revenue. For fiscal year 2006  
32 through fiscal year 2009 one cent (\$0.01) shall be available for general revenue.

33 (2) All deposits and transfers of funds made by the tax administrator under this section,  
34 including those to the Rhode Island public transit authority, the department of human services, the

1 Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority, and the general fund, shall be made within twenty-four  
2 (24) hours of receipt or previous deposit of the funds in question.

3 (3) Commencing in fiscal year 2004, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of  
4 Transportation is authorized to remit, on a monthly or less frequent basis as shall be determined by  
5 the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, or his or her designee, or at the  
6 election of the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, with the approval of the  
7 Director of the Department of Administration, to an indenture trustee, administrator, or other third  
8 party fiduciary, in an amount not to exceed two cents (\$0.02) per gallon of the gas tax imposed, in  
9 order to satisfy debt service payments on aggregate bonds issued pursuant to a Joint Resolution and  
10 Enactment Approving the Financing of Various Department of Transportation Projects adopted  
11 during the 2003 session [and during the 2020 session](#) of the General Assembly, and approved by the  
12 Governor.

13 (4) Commencing in fiscal year 2015, three and one-half cents (\$0.035) shall be transferred  
14 to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority to be used for maintenance, operations, capital  
15 expenditures and debt service on any of its projects as defined in chapter 12 of title 24 in lieu of a  
16 toll on the Sakonnet River Bridge. The Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority is authorized to  
17 remit to an indenture trustee, administrator, or other third-party fiduciary any or all of the foregoing  
18 transfers in order to satisfy and/or secure its revenue bonds and notes and/or debt service payments  
19 thereon, including, but not limited to, the bonds and notes issued pursuant to the Joint Resolution  
20 set forth in Section 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 23 of the Public Laws of 2010. Notwithstanding any  
21 other provision of said Joint Resolution, the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority is expressly  
22 authorized to issue bonds and notes previously authorized under said Joint Resolution for the  
23 purpose of financing all expenses incurred by it for the formerly authorized tolling of the Sakonnet  
24 River Bridge and the termination thereof.

25 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all other funds in the fund  
26 shall be dedicated to the department of transportation, subject to annual appropriation by the general  
27 assembly. The director of transportation shall submit to the general assembly, budget office and  
28 office of the governor annually an accounting of all amounts deposited in and credited to the fund  
29 together with a budget for proposed expenditures for the succeeding fiscal year in compliance with  
30 §§ 35-3-1 and 35-3-4. On order of the director of transportation, the state controller is authorized  
31 and directed to draw his or her orders upon the general treasurer for the payments of any sum or  
32 portion of the sum that may be required from time to time upon receipt of properly authenticated  
33 vouchers.

1           (c) At any time the amount of the fund is insufficient to fund the expenditures of the  
2 department of transportation, not to exceed the amount authorized by the general assembly, the  
3 general treasurer is authorized, with the approval of the governor and the director of administration,  
4 in anticipation of the receipts of monies enumerated in § 31-36-20 to advance sums to the fund, for  
5 the purposes specified in § 31-36-20, any funds of the state not specifically held for any particular  
6 purpose. However, all the advances made to the fund shall be returned to the general fund  
7 immediately upon the receipt by the fund of proceeds resulting from the receipt of monies to the  
8 extent of the advances.

9           SECTION 8. This article shall take effect upon passage.