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**Memorandum**

**To:** The Honorable Marvin L. Abney  
Chairman, House Finance Committee

The Honorable William J. Conley, Jr.  
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

**From:** Thomas A. Mullaney *Thomas A. Mullaney*  
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**Date:** June 9, 2017

**Subject:** Amendments to the FY 2018 Appropriations Act (17-H-5175)

The Governor requests several minor amendments to the FY 2018 Appropriations Act as outlined below.

**Article 1**

The Governor requests that wording on Page 16, Line 16 be change from "Senior Center Support" to "Senior Services Support" to more accurately reflect the purpose of the \$400,000 in recommended funding.

**Article 5**

The Governor requests that the effective date for Article 5 be changed to make Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 effective on January 1, 2018 and the remainder of the article effective up on passage. This change is to provide additional time to the Department of Health (DOH) and the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) to effectuate the transfer of the responsibilities and staff for the new Health Care Accessibility and Quality Insurance Act. This delay will also require the restoration of four (4.0) FTE to the Department of Health's FTE cap in section 9 of the Appropriations Act from 499.6 to 503.6 because the positions recommended for transfer to OHIC from DOH will not transfer until mid-way through the fiscal year and thus will remain within the DOH FTE cap until that time.

**Article 7**

The Governor requests that the effective date for Article 7 be changed to “upon passage” instead of July 1, 2017. This will permit the establishment of a new restricted receipt account for grants from non-profit organizations under the Department of Children, Youth and Families in FY 2017, as was requested in a previous Article 10 amendment.

**Article 17**

The Governor requests that Article 17 entitled “Relating to Lease Agreement for Leased Office and Operating Space” be withdrawn from the FY 2018 Appropriations Act. This article, submitted as a joint resolution pursuant to RIGL 37-6-2, authorizes the Rhode Island Board of Education to pursue a lease agreement for off-site parking facilities to accommodate students from the University of Rhode Island (URI) and Rhode Island College (RIC) attending classes at the newly constructed Rhode Island Nursing Education Center (RINEC). Officials from the schools have determined that an alternative arrangement with the Rhode Island Convention Center Authority to lease off-site parking spaces for URI students would be strategically preferable and more cost-efficient. Rhode Island College is currently pursuing an independent off-site parking solution for its RINEC student population.

If you have any questions regarding these requested amendments, please feel free to call me or my staff at 222-6300.

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