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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE - BUREAU OF AUDITS

Introduced By: Representatives Hearn, Marcello, and Nunes

Date Introduced: February 26, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Administration)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 35-7 of the General Laws entitled "Post Audit of Accounts" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **35-7-7.1. Subpoena power.** – The bureau of audits, with the approval of the director of
4 administration shall have the authority to issue subpoenas to compel the production of papers,
5 documents, or records, in connection with any audit or investigation conducted pursuant to this
6 chapter. If necessary, the bureau of audits may invoke the aid of the superior court to require the
7 production of documentary evidence.

8 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 authorize the bureau of audits with the approval of the director of
2 administration to issue a subpoena for the production of documents and records in connection
3 with any audit or investigation, when necessary. The auditor general and the department of
4 business regulation have had this statutory authority since 2001.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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