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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Introduced By:

Date Introduced:

Referred To:

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 22-12-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 22-12 entitled "Fiscal  
2 Notes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **22-12-1. When fiscal notes required.** – (a) All bills and resolutions having an effect on  
4 the revenues, expenditures, or fiscal liability of the state, which can be calculated with reasonable  
5 accuracy, excepting appropriation measures carrying specific dollar amounts, shall be  
6 accompanied by a brief explanatory statement or note which sets forth their estimated dollar  
7 effect. The statements or notes shall be known as "fiscal notes," and they shall accompany each  
8 such bill or resolution prior to consideration of the house in which the bill or resolution  
9 originated. Fiscal notes shall also accompany each bill or resolution that affects any city or town  
10 financially.

11           **(b) Before any legislative committee may consider a bill or resolution that requires a**  
12 **fiscal note pursuant to this section, every member of that committee shall be provided with its**  
13 **fiscal note at least three (3) days before the committee hears the bill or resolution.**

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would dispense with the requirement for a fiscal note for any bill or resolution  
2    which a legislative committee is considering if its members unanimously vote to do so and the  
3    bill or resolution is properly posted. It would prevent the general assembly from adopting any  
4    rules that would abolish the need for a statutorily required fiscal note. Finally, it would mandate  
5    that all state legislative committee members that are considering any bill or resolution that needs  
6    a fiscal note, be provided with that fiscal note, at least three (3) days before the committee  
7    hearing scheduled to consider it.

8           This act would take effect upon passage.

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