

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE BUDGET

Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Kallman, Mack, Euer, Miller, and Murray

Date Introduced: March 07, 2023

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 35-3-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 35-3 entitled "State Budget"
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **35-3-3. Responsibility of budget officer for budget.**

4 (a) The budget officer shall, under the supervision of the governor, prepare the annual state
5 budget, assembling, correlating, and revising the estimates of revenues and requests for
6 appropriations of the various departments of the state government.

7 (b) The budget officer shall, under the supervision of the governor, include in the annual
8 state budget an explanation of the manner in which provisions of the budget further the governor's
9 efforts to ensure equity in the state. For purposes of this section, "equity" means efforts, regulations,
10 policies, programs, standards, processes and any other functions of government or principles of law
11 and governance intended to: identify and remedy past and present patterns of discrimination or
12 inequality against and disparities in outcome for any class protected in § 28-5-7(1)(i); ensure that
13 such patterns of discrimination, inequality and disparities in outcome, whether intentional or
14 unintentional, are neither reinforced nor perpetuated; and prevent the emergence and persistence of
15 foreseeable future patterns of discrimination against or disparities in outcome for any class
16 protected in § 28-5-7(1)(i).

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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EXPLANATION
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