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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – POWERS AND OPERATIONS

Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Mack, Calkin, Quezada, Kallman, Bell, and Mendes

Date Introduced: February 10, 2021

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 19-3 of the General Laws entitled "Powers and Operations" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **19-3-4.1. Private detention centers.**

4 (a) No financial institution shall provide financing for or invest in the stocks, securities, or
5 other obligations of any institution, company, or subsidiary that owns or contracts with a
6 government to manage or run a prison.

7 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no later than one year after
8 the effective date of this section, any monies or assets of a financial institution which shall remain
9 or be invested in the stocks, securities, or other obligations of any institution, company or subsidiary
10 of a company that owns or invests in a for-profit institution that owns or contracts with a
11 government entity to manage or run a prison shall be withdrawn.

12 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 prohibit financial institutions from investing in private detention centers or
- 2 continuing to invest with any institution, company or subsidiary of a company that owns or
- 3 contracts with a government entity to manage or run a prison.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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