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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND TRAINING TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS OF THE STATE, CITY, AND TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENTS TO SEEK A COLLEGE DEGREE

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Speakman, Noret, Potter, Cotter, Fogarty, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: January 19, 2024

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Law Title 42 Chapter 28.1 established an incentive  
2 pay plan program to encourage law enforcement officers to garner a college degree and work  
3 collaboratively with academia to address modern policing issues and learn the criminal justice  
4 system from an academic view; and

5 WHEREAS, The net benefit of this program would be to provide the State's populace  
6 with both properly trained and college-educated officers who possess the best skill set in order to  
7 deliver the highest outcomes expected in policing; and

8 WHEREAS, The 2015 President's Task Force on 21st-Century Policing stated that  
9 college-educated police officers are 40 percent less likely to use force, are more problem-solving-  
10 orientated and critical thinkers, relate better to the community, can identify best practices, and are  
11 better leaders; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not  
13 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2024-2025, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000)  
14 to the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training to encourage members of the State, City,  
15 and Town police departments to seek a college degree; and the state controller is hereby  
16 authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum,

1 upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,000,000 to the Rhode
- 2 Island Department of Labor and Training.

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