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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,700,000 TO BE USED FOR MATERNAL HEALTH
IMPROVEMENT AND EQUITY**

Introduced By: Representative Lauren H. Carson

Date Introduced: February 11, 2026

Referred To: House Finance

1 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated beginning FY 2026, and annually
2 thereafter, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2026-
3 2027, the sum of two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000). The monies shall be
4 appropriated as follows:

5 (1) Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the maternal health data and
6 surveillance unit established pursuant to § 23-13.9-4;

7 (2) One million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) for the workplace
8 development program established pursuant to § 23-13.9-5;

9 (3) Six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for community maternal health access grants
10 established pursuant to § 23-13.9-6; and

11 (4) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for advisory council operations,
12 community engagement and reporting.

13 The state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general
14 treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required,
15 upon receipt by him of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
JOINT RESOLUTION
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,700,000 TO BE USED FOR MATERNAL HEALTH
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- 1 This resolution would appropriate the sum of \$2,700,000 to the department of health for
- 2 maternal health improvement and equity.

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