

2022 -- H 8283

=====
LC006010
=====

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE BABY FOOD AND INFANT FORMULA THROUGH THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND OTHER MEANS

Introduced By: Representatives McLaughlin, Hull, Corvese, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, Biah, J Lombardi, Fenton-Fung, Filippi, and Quattrocchi

Date Introduced: May 25, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, In the past few years, there have been several well-documented and well-
2 publicized cases of shortages of various goods and services; and

3 WHEREAS, There has recently been a critical shortage in the availability of baby food
4 and infant formula, due to a combination of factors, which purportedly may include, but are not
5 limited to, supply-chain issues, product recalls, and the on-going war in Ukraine; and

6 WHEREAS, While other shortages have produced varying effects ranging from
7 inconvenience to substantial hardship, the shortage in the availability of baby food and infant
8 formula directly impacts infants who are a vulnerable population, who are unable to advocate for
9 themselves, and who cannot afford to wait or put off the purchase of the product; now therefore
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
12 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2022-2023, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000)
13 to the Department of Human Services to fund and assist in the procurement and distribution of
14 baby food and infant formula; and this money may be used and distributed both through the
15 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and also directly by the Department to assist in the
16 procurement and distribution of baby food and infant formula to all persons and households in
17 need of such assistance, regardless of income; and the state controller is hereby authorized and

- 1 directed to his/her draw orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much
- 2 thereof as may from time to time be required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

=====
LC006010
=====

EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

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

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT
OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PROVIDE BABY FOOD AND INFANT FORMULA THROUGH
THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND OTHER MEANS

- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of five million dollars
- 2 (\$5,000,000) to the department of human services to fund and assist in the procurement of baby
- 3 food and infant formula.

=====
LC006010
=====