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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$72,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (RI VFW) FOR THE RI VETERANS SERVICES
OFFICERS (VSO) PROGRAM

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, Spears, Noret, Azzinaro,
Solomon, Casimiro, Perez, Batista, and Shanley

Date Introduced: March 30, 2023

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, Many veterans in our State are unsure of their status or how to access their
2 benefits as many of our municipalities do not have a local office, resulting in veterans needing to
3 access applications and information via the computer which is not always a viable option for
4 them; and

5 WHEREAS, The Department of RI VFW partners with the Veterans Administration
6 (VA) to certify Veterans Services Officers (VSOs) who are veterans, located in cities and towns
7 across Rhode Island who help veterans and their families with myriad issues including,
8 healthcare, housing, education and municipal tax reductions, as well as service-connected
9 disability claims, job readiness, home loans, and burial benefits; and

10 WHEREAS, It is necessary and essential to increase the VFW annual budget from
11 \$28,000 to \$100,000 for the purpose of expanding/publicizing the VSO program and enhancing
12 the lives of our veterans and military families; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
14 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2023-2024, the sum of seventy-two thousand dollars
15 (\$72,000) to the Rhode Island Department of Veterans Of Foreign Wars (RI VFW) for the RI
16 Veterans Services Officers (VSO) Program; and the state controller is hereby authorized and
17 directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much

1 thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
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- 2 Island Department of Veterans Of Foreign Wars (RI VFW) for the RI Veterans Services Officers
- 3 (VSO) Program.

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