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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVIEW
STANDARDIZED TESTING PROGRAMS IN SECONDARY EDUCATION

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Morrison, Silva, Gallison, and Savage

Date Introduced: February 08, 2012

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of eleven (11) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island
3 House of Representatives, not more than two (2) of whom shall be from the same political party,
4 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Rhode Island
5 Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, or designee; one of whom shall be the
6 Chair of the Rhode Island Board of Regents, or designee; one of whom shall be the
7 Commissioner of Higher Education, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of Rhode
8 Island College, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the University of Rhode
9 Island, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Urban League, or designee; and
10 two (2) of whom shall be members of the public with experience in one or more of the following
11 areas, ESL, Special Education, Gifted and Talented, and/or English Language Arts, to be
12 appointed by the Speaker.

13 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
14 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
15 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
16 of a legislator, provided that the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader of the political party
17 which is entitled to the appointment, consents to the member of the general public.

18 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and analysis of
19 standardized testing and assessment programs in relation to graduation and dropout rates and

1 student performance/achievement.

2 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
3 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson from among the
4 legislators.

5 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

6 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

7 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
8 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
9 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

10 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters
11 for said commission; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
13 House of Representatives no later than March 28, 2013, and said commission shall expire on June
14 28, 2013.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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1 This resolution would create an eleven (11) member special legislative study commission
2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study and analysis of standardized testing
3 and assessment programs in relation to graduation and dropout rates and student
4 performance/achievement, and who would report back to the House no later than March 28, 2013,
5 and whose life would expire on June 28, 2013.

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