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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - SUPPORT OF HOMELESS

Introduced By: Representatives Martin, Cimini, and O`Grady

Date Introduced: February 15, 2012

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 40-17-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 40-17 entitled "Support of
2 Homeless" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **40-17-2. Agency established.** -- (a) There is hereby created a permanent council to be
4 called the "Interagency Council on Homelessness" consisting of ~~seventeen~~ eighteen ~~(17)~~ (18)
5 members and one ex-officio member:

6 (1) One of whom shall be the chief of the office of housing and community
7 development, or his or her designee, who shall chair the Interagency Council on Homelessness;

8 (2) One of whom shall be the director of the department of administration, or his or her
9 designee;

10 (3) One of whom shall be the chair of the housing resources commission, or his or her
11 designee;

12 (4) One of whom shall be the director of the department of human services, or his or her
13 designee;

14 (5) One of whom shall be the director of the department of health, or his or her designee;

15 (6) One of whom shall be the director of the department of children, youth, and families,
16 or his or her designee;

17 (7) One of whom shall be the director of elderly affairs, or his or her designee;

18 (8) One of whom shall be the director of behavioral healthcare, developmental
19 disabilities and hospitals, or his or her designee;

1 (9) One of whom shall be director of the department of labor and training, or his or her
2 designee;

3 (10) One of whom shall be the director of the department of corrections, or his or her
4 designee;

5 (11) One of whom shall be the commissioner of the department of elementary or
6 secondary education, or his or her designee;

7 (12) One of whom shall be the director of the Rhode Island housing and mortgage
8 finance corporation, or his or her designee;

9 (13) One of whom shall be the director of emergency management agency, or his or her
10 designee;

11 (14) One of whom shall be a representative from the Rhode Island division/department
12 of veterans ' affairs or his or her designee;

13 (15) One of whom shall be the public defender, or his or her designee;

14 (16) One of whom shall be the Medicaid director within the department of human
15 services, or his or her designee; ~~and~~

16 (17) One of whom shall be the secretary of the executive office of health and human
17 services, or his or her designee; ~~and~~

18 (18) One of whom shall be the executive director of the economic development
19 corporation, or his or her designee; and

20 ~~(18)~~(19) One of whom shall be an ex-officio member who shall be the chair, or his or her
21 designee, of the Interagency Council on Homelessness Advisory Council as described in this
22 chapter herein.

23 (b) Forthwith upon the effective date of this chapter, the members of the commission
24 shall meet at the call of the chair and organize. Vacancies in the commission shall be filled in like
25 manner as the original appointment.

26 (c) The department of administration is hereby directed to provide suitable quarters and
27 staff for the commission.

28 (d) All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
29 documentary, and otherwise to the commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or desirable
30 by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this chapter.

31 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would add the executive director of the economic development corporation to
- 2 the interagency council on homelessness.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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