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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012**

**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**AMENDING THE JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE  
COMMISSION ON CHILD CARE IN RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Slater, Morgan, Messier, and Cimini

Date Introduced: May 30, 2012

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1           RESOLVED, That the permanent legislative commission on child care in Rhode Island  
2 created by resolution No. 217 passed by the General Assembly at its January session, A.D. 1989,  
3 and approved July 7, 1989, entitled "Joint Resolution Creating A Permanent Legislative  
4 Commission On Child Care In Rhode Island" and as amended by resolution No. 219 passed by  
5 the General Assembly at its January session, A.D. 1991, and approved June 20, 1991, entitled  
6 "Joint Resolution In Amendment Of The Joint Resolution Creating A Permanent Legislative  
7 Commission On Child Care In Rhode Island" and as further amended by resolution No. 325  
8 passed by the General Assembly at its January session, A.D. 1998, and approved by the General  
9 Assembly on June 27, 1998, entitled "Joint Resolution Amending the Permanent Legislative  
10 Commission on Child Care In Rhode Island" and as further amended by resolution No. 346  
11 passed by the General Assembly at its January session, A.D. 2007, entitled "Joint Resolution  
12 Amending the Permanent Legislative Commission on Child Care In Rhode Island" be and the  
13 same is hereby amended as follows: The chair of the commission is responsible for updating and  
14 maintaining a current list of at least twenty-three (23) and not more than thirty-five (35) voting  
15 members of the commission, as determined by the commission. Voting members of the  
16 commission shall include three (3) members from the House of Representative, not more than  
17 two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and two (2) of  
18 whom shall be members of the Senate, not more than one from the same political party, to be  
19 appointed by the Senate President. Voting members of the commission shall also include up to

1 ten (10) representatives of state government agencies, including a representative from the state  
2 child care subsidy program office, the state child care licensing office, and the Head Start  
3 collaboration office, to be appointed by the commission chair. Voting members shall also include  
4 balanced representation, as determined by the commission, from the following constituencies:  
5 providers/provider associations/provider networks; resource organizations (referrals, professional  
6 development, and higher education); family/youth representation; advocates/research  
7 organizations; business/economic policy; and private philanthropy. Each organization shall have  
8 only one voting membership on the commission.

9 A waiting list for membership on the commission shall be created and maintained by the  
10 chair. Organizations and individuals on this waiting list will be known as “community partners”  
11 and will not have voting rights, but may attend meetings and participate in discussions.

12 Membership in said commission shall be reviewed and updated every two (2) years.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
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- 1 This resolution would amend the membership, establish a membership waiting list, and
- 2 require updating of said membership every two (2) years.

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