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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION
AND ENFORCEMENT

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 15-14.1 of the General Laws entitled "Uniform Child Custody
2 Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

3 **15-14.1-43. No existing order upon military deployment. -- If there is no existing order**
4 establishing the terms of parental rights and responsibilities or parent-child contact and it appears
5 that deployment or mobilization is imminent, upon motion by either parent, the court shall
6 expedite a hearing to establish temporary parental rights and responsibilities and parent-child
7 contact to ensure the deploying parent has access to the child, to ensure disclosure of information,
8 to grant other rights and duties set forth herein, and to provide other appropriate relief. Any initial
9 pleading filed to establish parental rights and responsibilities for, or parent-child contact with, a
10 child of a deploying parent shall be so identified at the time of filing by stating in text of the
11 pleading the specific facts related to deployment.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that if there is no existing court order establishing parental rights
2 and it appears military deployment is imminent then the court, upon motion, would expedite a
3 hearing to establish such parental rights to ensure the deploying parent has access to the child.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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