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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - JOINT COMMITTEE ON ROAD AND
BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE

Introduced By: Representatives Marshall, O'Brien, Edwards, Williams, and Gallison

Date Introduced: February 14, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 22 of the General Laws entitled "GENERAL ASSEMBLY" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 22-7.11

4 PERMANENT JOINT COMMITTEE ON ROAD AND BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE

5 FUNDING

6 **22-22-7.11-1. Permanent committee - Composition.** – There is created a permanent
7 joint committee of the general assembly on road and bridge infrastructure funding to consist of
8 seven (7) members of the general assembly, three (3) of whom shall be from the senate to be
9 appointed by the president of the senate, four (4) of whom shall be from the house of
10 representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. The
11 chairpersonship of the committee shall alternate biannually from the house to the senate.

12 **22-22-7.11-2. Selection of officers.** – Upon organization of the joint committee, the
13 speaker of the house shall appoint the officers of the joint committee.

14 **22-22-7.11-3. Duties.** – It shall be the duty of the joint committee to create and promote a
15 predictable and sustainable funding formula for the support, maintenance, and improvement of
16 the infrastructure of roads and bridges within the state of Rhode Island.

17 **22-22-7.11-4. Reports and recommendations.** – The joint committee on road and bridge
18 infrastructure funding shall, from time to time, and at least annually, report to the general

1 assembly on its findings and the results of its studies, and make any recommendations to the
2 general assembly and propose any legislation or initiate any studies that it shall deem advisable.

3 **22-22-7.11-5. Technical assistance.** – The joint committee shall, if it finds it cannot
4 obtain proper assistance from available sources, contract for any technical services that it shall
5 require to effectuate its purposes.

6 **22-22-7.11-6. References to committee.** – Each branch of the legislature shall refer to
7 the joint committee, either initially or after action by other committees, all bills and resolutions
8 dealing with or affecting road and bridge infrastructure and/or on the funding thereof.

9 **22-22-7.11-7. Place of meeting - Quorum.** – The joint committee on legislative services
10 shall provide adequate space in the state house for the use of the joint committee on road and
11 bridge infrastructure funding; provided, that the joint committee on road and bridge infrastructure
12 funding may conduct hearings and hold meetings elsewhere when doing so will better serve its
13 purposes. A majority in number of the joint committee on road and bridge infrastructure funding
14 shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would create a permanent joint committee of the general assembly on road and
2 bridge infrastructure funding. The purpose of the committee would be to create a sustainable
3 funding formula for the improvement of the infrastructure of roads and bridges within the state.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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