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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF
ESTABLISHING A LOCATION AT A RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE FOR RHODE ISLAND
VETERANS TO GO AND GET HELP WITH SCHOOL WORK AND/OR POST-
TRAUMATIC SYNDROME DISORDERS**

Introduced By: Senators Ottiano, Felag, Pichardo, Walaska, and Lynch

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of fourteen (14) members: three (3) of whom shall be from the House of
3 Representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the
4 Speaker; three (3) of whom shall be from the Senate, not more than two (2) from the same
5 political party, to be appointed by the Senate President; one of whom shall be a veteran
6 representative, to be appointed by the Speaker; three (3) of whom shall be staff members of
7 public institutions of higher education, specifically one from each of the Rhode Island state
8 colleges and universities--URI, RIC, and CCRI--to be appointed by the chairperson of the Rhode
9 Island Board of Governors for Higher Education; one of whom shall be a veterans' advocate from
10 "Operation Vets," to be appointed by the Speaker; one of whom shall be a social worker to be
11 appointed by the Senate President; one of whom shall be a representative from Providence, VA
12 Medical Center to be appointed by the Speaker and one of whom shall be a representative from
13 the Sargent Rehabilitation Center to be appointed by the Senate President.

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

1 public.

2 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of all aspects of
3 the feasibility or possibility of establishing a location at the University of Rhode Island, Rhode
4 Island College or the Community College of Rhode Island for Rhode Island veterans to go and
5 get help with school work and/or post traumatic syndrome disorders.

6 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
7 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select from among the legislators a
8 chairperson. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original
9 appointment.

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

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

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

16 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
17 General Assembly on or before February 1, 2014, and said commission shall expire on May 1,
18 2014.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This resolution would create a fourteen (14) member special legislative commission
2 whose purpose would be to make a comprehensive study of all aspects of the feasibility or
3 possibility of establishing a location at the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College or
4 the Community College of Rhode Island for veterans to go and get help with school work and/or
5 post-traumatic syndrome disorders, and who would report back to the General Assembly no later
6 than February 1, 2014, and whose life would expire May 1, 2014.

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