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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COST SAVINGS PROGRAMS FOR RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Costa, Giarrusso, and Chippendale

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

Referred To: House Finance

1           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of nine (9) members: five (5) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island House of  
3 Representatives, not more than four (4) from the same political party, to be appointed by the  
4 Speaker of the House; and four (4) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island Senate, not  
5 more than three (3) from the same political party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate.

6           In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory  
7 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly  
8 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu  
9 of a legislator, provided that the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader of the political party  
10 which is entitled to the appointment, consents to the member of the general public.

11           The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and analysis of  
12 cost savings programs for Rhode Island and to determine the validity of each proposal and submit  
13 implementation recommendations. Annually, the commission will select the best submitted  
14 program for recognition. In addition, the following information shall be included in the  
15 commission's annual report to the General Assembly:

- 16           1. The number of proposals submitted to the commission;
- 17           2. The number of proposals recommended for implementation;
- 18           3. The number of proposals implemented; and
- 19           4. The projected cost savings of each proposal to the state.

1           Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
2 the call of the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate and organize and shall select  
3 a chairperson.

4           Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

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

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

9           The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide  
10 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations  
12 annually to the General Assembly no later than January 5th of each year, and said commission  
13 shall expire on January 6, 2019.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
JOINT RESOLUTION  
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1           This resolution would create a nine (9) member special legislative study commission  
2 whose purpose it would be to study proposals and make recommendations for cost savings  
3 programs for Rhode Island, and who would report back annually to the General Assembly no  
4 later than January 5<sup>th</sup>, and whose life would expire on January 6, 2019.

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