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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Introduced By: Representatives DeSimone, Keable, and Palangio

Date Introduced: May 08, 2014

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-26-13 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-26 entitled "Rhode
2 Island Justice Commission" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-26-13. Committee created -- Purpose and composition.** -- (a) There is hereby
4 created within the Rhode Island justice commission pursuant to the provisions of section 42-26-7
5 of this chapter the criminal justice oversight committee for the purpose of maintaining the secure
6 facilities at the adult correctional institutions within their respective population capacities as
7 established by court order, consent decree or otherwise.

8 (b) The criminal justice oversight committee (hereinafter referred to as the "committee")
9 shall consist of the following members who shall assemble no less than four (4) times annually or
10 more often at the call of the chairperson or upon petition of a majority of its members:

- 11 (1) The presiding justice of the superior court;
12 (2) The chief judge of the district court;
13 (3) The attorney general;
14 (4) The public defender;
15 (5) The superintendent of state police;
16 (6) The director of the department of corrections;
17 (7) The chairperson of the parole board;
18 (8) The executive director of the Rhode Island justice commission;
19 (9) A member of the governor's staff selected by the governor;

1 (10) Four (4) members of the general assembly, one of whom shall be appointed by the
2 speaker and one of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate, one of whom shall be
3 appointed by the house minority leader and one of whom shall be appointed by the senate
4 minority leader.

5 (11) A qualified elector of this state who shall be appointed by the governor and
6 designated as chairperson of the committee.

7 (12) A member of the Victims' Rights Group, appointed by the speaker of the house.

8 Each member of the committee may appoint a permanent designee to attend committee
9 meetings in his/her absence. A quorum at meetings of the committee shall consist of a majority of
10 its current membership.

11 [\(13\) The president of the Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional Officers.](#)

12 [\(14\) The chief justice of the supreme court.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would add the President of the Rhode Island Brotherhood of Correctional
- 2 Officers and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Criminal Justice Oversight Committee.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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