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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
AND TRAINING TO CONSIDER INDUSTRIES PARTICIPATING IN NON-TRADE  
APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS WHEN MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO THE  
APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Lombardi, P Fogarty, Lombardo, and Picard

Date Introduced: June 20, 2014

Referred To: Placed on Senate Calendar

1           WHEREAS; Pursuant to § 42-102-11, the Governor's Workforce Board has been charged  
2 with developing and introducing new and innovative apprenticeship models in non-trade  
3 industries; and

4           WHEREAS; Employers in such non-trade industries are not always familiar with  
5 apprenticeships as an effective training model; and

6           WHEREAS; The current composition of the state apprenticeship council does not reflect  
7 these new non-trade industries; and

8           WHEREAS; The current structure and terminology of apprenticeships in Rhode Island  
9 are not always accessible and user-friendly to non-trade employers; and

10          WHEREAS; Terms such as "journeyman" and "master" may be familiar within the  
11 trades, but may be unfamiliar and confusing to employers in non-trade industries; and

12          WHEREAS; States such as South Carolina have relied on more universal terms such as  
13 "mentor" when crafting new apprenticeship programs in non-trade industries; and

14          WHEREAS; The "Rhode to Work" legislative action plan prepared by the Senate Policy  
15 Office found that requiring the Director of Labor and Training to consider industries participating  
16 in non-trade apprenticeship programs when making appointments to the apprenticeship council  
17 can help the council better understand and meet the needs of these new industries; now, therefore  
18 be it

1           RESOLVED That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
2 hereby respectfully requests that the Director of the Department of Labor and Training, in making  
3 his or her appointments to the State Apprenticeship Council, gives due consideration to including  
4 representatives from different industries, including those industries participating in non-trade  
5 apprenticeship programs established pursuant to § 42-102-11; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit duly certified copies of the resolution to the Director of the Department of Labor and  
8 Training and to the Chairperson of the State Apprenticeship Council.

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