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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE  
BOARD RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, P Fogarty, Miller, Sosnowski, and Crowley

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 42-102-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-102 entitled "Rhode  
2   Island Human Resource Investment Council [Effective until February 1, 2015]" is hereby  
3   amended to read as follows:  
4           **42-102-2. Composition of workforce board. [Effective February 1, 2015.]** -- (a) The  
5   workforce board shall be composed of ~~twenty-one (21)~~ twenty-two (22) members; one of whom  
6   shall be the secretary of commerce, who shall be vice-chair; one of whom shall be the director of  
7   the department of labor and training; one of whom shall be the commissioner of education; one of  
8   whom shall be a representative of a public institution of higher education in Rhode Island; and  
9   ~~seventeen (17)~~ eighteen (18) public members, eleven (11) of whom shall be representatives from  
10   the employer community, in a manner that is representative of employers of different sizes and  
11   sectors, including the nonprofit sector, provided that two (2) of the representatives from the  
12   employer community shall be the chairs of Rhode Island's local workforce investment boards, or  
13   their designees, appointed from among the employer community members of the local workforce  
14   investment boards; four (4) of whom shall be representatives of organized labor; ~~and~~ two (2)  
15   members shall be representatives of community-based organizations that provide or promote  
16   workforce development service; and one member shall be a representative of a community-based  
17   organization that provides substance use disorder recovery support services; appointed by the  
18   governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The ~~seventeen (17)~~ eighteen (18) public

1 members shall be appointed in a manner that reflects the geographic diversity of the state, and at  
2 least five (5) of whom shall be women; at least four (4) of whom shall be from minority  
3 communities; and at least one of whom shall be a person with disabilities. The governor shall  
4 appoint a chairperson from among the eleven (11) representatives of the employer community.

5 (b) The board may establish an executive committee composed of members appointed by  
6 the chair. The board may delegate to the executive committee any powers of the board except  
7 those powers that are required by law to be exercised by the board. The chair may also appoint ad  
8 hoc committees, workgroups, or task forces to assist the board as appropriate.

9 (c) Members serving as of the effective date of this act on the state workforce investment  
10 board established pursuant to Executive Order No. 05-18 ordered on September 22, 2005, shall  
11 continue to serve their terms of office as members of the governor's workforce board established  
12 under this chapter.

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

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1           This act would increase the number of the governor's workforce from twenty-one (21) to  
2 twenty-two (22) and would add a member from a community-based organization that would  
3 provide substance use disorder recovery support services.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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