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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Introduced By: Senators Picard, Paiva Weed, Sheehan, Pearson, and DaPonte

Date Introduced: March 05, 2015

Referred To: Senate Commerce

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND
2 GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 11.4

4 GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIVENESS, EXPEDIENCY AND EFFICIENCY TEAM ACT

5 **42-11.4-1. Short title.** -- This act shall be known and may be cited as the "GREET Act of
6 2015."

7 **42-11.4-2. Governmental responsiveness, expediency and efficiency team**
8 **established.** -- The governmental responsiveness, expediency and efficiency team program,
9 (hereinafter, "GREET") is hereby established within the department of administration for the
10 purpose of utilizing the expertise of volunteer private-sector executives to help make state
11 governmental activities and practices more responsive, streamlined and accessible to private
12 citizens, organizations, and businesses.

13 **42-11.4-3. Duties of the director of administration.** -- (a) The director of administration
14 shall create policies and procedures, by October 1, 2015, to utilize prospective current or former
15 executives in the GREET program, and shall coordinate a statewide approach to place qualified
16 executives on a voluntary basis without state remuneration in state agencies. The policies and
17 procedures shall include a means to ensure that any executive engaged in GREET shall not have a
18 conflict of interest with the activities or jurisdiction of the state agency where he or she is placed.

19 (b) The director, in consultation with each state agency, shall identify goals, expected

1 outcomes, responsibilities and agency support available to the GREET executives during their
2 tenure.

3 **42-11.4-4. Objectives of GREET. --** (a) The GREET program will be designed to utilize
4 private sector executives to analyze, identify and make recommendations to the directors of state
5 agencies in the following areas:

6 (1) Responsiveness: To implement consumer-friendly operations that will serve the
7 public, businesses and organizations in an efficient and professional manner.

8 (2) Expediency: To streamline, eliminate, or modify potentially inefficient or duplicative
9 activities, processes and programs, if any, at the state agency in an effort to aggressively reduce
10 bureaucratic practices.

11 (3) Efficiency: To adopt fundamental principles of Lean management processes that will
12 aid in identifying and eliminating wasted resources.

13 (b) Any executive appointed as a GREET executive shall serve on a voluntary basis
14 without state remuneration.

15 **42-11.4-5 Reporting --** Beginning February 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the director
16 shall present a report on the status of the GREET program to the governor, the president of the
17 senate, and the speaker of the house. The report shall include the list of state agencies utilizing in
18 GREET executives to date, together with the system and management reform recommendations
19 and status of implementation, and other information as the director deems appropriate.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would establish the governmental responsiveness, expediency and efficiency
2 team program to utilize private sector expertise on a voluntary basis, without state remuneration
3 to assist state agencies in making government more responsive, streamlined and accessible to
4 citizens and businesses.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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