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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENTS OF STATE
GOVERNMENT

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Kettle, Gee, E O'Neill, and Cote

Date Introduced: January 27, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 42-6-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-6 entitled "Departments
of State Government" is hereby amended to read as follows:

42-6-3. Appointment of directors. -- (a) At the January session following his or her
election to office, the governor shall appoint a director of administration, a director of revenue, a
director of public safety, a director of human services, a director of mental health, retardation, and
hospitals, a director of transportation, a director of business regulation, a director of labor and
training, a director of environmental management, a director for children, youth, and families, a
director of elderly affairs, ~~and~~ a director of corrections and a chief innovation officer. The
governor shall, in all cases of appointment of a director while the senate is in session, notify the
senate of his or her appointment and the senate shall, within sixty (60) legislative days after
receipt of the notice, act upon the appointment. If the senate shall, within sixty (60) legislative
days, vote to disapprove the appointment it shall so notify the governor, who shall forthwith
appoint and notify the senate of the appointment of a different person as director and so on in like
manner until the senate shall fail to so vote disapproval of the governor's appointment. If the
senate shall fail, for sixty (60) legislative days next after notice, to act upon any appointment of
which it has been notified by the governor, the person so appointed shall be the director. The
governor may withdraw any appointment of which he or she has given notice to the senate, at any
time within sixty (60) legislative days thereafter and before action has been taken thereon by the

1 senate.

2 (b) Except as expressly provided in § 42-6-9, no director of any department shall be
3 appointed or employed pursuant to any contract of employment for a period of time greater than
4 the remainder of the governor's current term of office. Any contract entered into in violation of
5 this section after July 1, 1994 is hereby declared null and void.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would add a chief innovation officer to the governors list of appointments to be
- 2 made following an election to office.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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