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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REVIEW THE STRUCTURAL, PROGRAMMATIC AND POLICY CHANGES NEEDED TO BEST ADDRESS THE LICENSURE, REGULATION, AND OVERSIGHT OF STATE-OPERATED GROUP HOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND ENSURE THAT ALL RESIDENTS OF SAID GROUP HOMES HAVE UP TO DATE INTEGRATED SERVICE PLANS

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Goldin, Miller, Coyne, and Satchell

Date Introduced: May 26, 2016

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

1 WHEREAS, The Executive Office of Health and Human Services aims to ensure access
2 to high quality and cost effective services that foster the health, safety, and independence of all
3 Rhode Islanders; and

4 WHEREAS, The Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and
5 Hospitals is responsible for planning, providing and administering a community system of
6 services and supports for adults with developmental disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island provides community day and residential services
8 to approximately two hundred individuals through the state-operated Rhode Island Community
9 Living and Supports (RICLAS), which includes group home arrangements; and

10 WHEREAS, RICLAS is licensed and receives oversight by the Office of Facilities and
11 Program Standards and Licensure, within the Department of Behavioral Healthcare,
12 Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals; and

13 WHEREAS, State-run group homes are run by the same department that provides the
14 licensure and regulatory oversight of their quality and operation; and

15 WHEREAS, Independent and unbiased oversight can ensure that high quality standards
16 are set and maintained and may highlight any shortcomings in internal regulations; now therefore
17 be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby respectfully requests that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services review the
3 structural, programmatic and policy change needed to best address the licensure, regulation, and
4 oversight of state-operated group homes for individuals with intellectual and developmental
5 disabilities and ensure that all residents of said group homes have up to date integrated service
6 plans; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby respectfully requests that a report be provided to
8 the Senate President and the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on or before January
9 4, 2017; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Executive Office of Health and Human
12 Services and the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals.

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