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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY UNLAWFUL SEXUAL
HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE**

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, Mattiello, McEntee, Ruggiero, and Vella-
Wilkinson

Date Introduced: February 15, 2018

Referred To: House Labor

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of eleven (11) members: five (5) of whom shall be members of the House of
3 Representatives, of whom one shall be an active member of the Rhode Island Bar Association,
4 and not more than four (4) of whom shall be from the same political party, to be appointed by the
5 Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Attorney General, or designee; one of whom
6 shall be the executive director for the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights, or designee;
7 one of whom shall be the associate director of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity of
8 the Department of Administration, or designee; one of whom shall be the president of the Rhode
9 Island Police Chiefs' Association, or designee; one of whom shall be a member of the LGBTQ
10 community, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and one of whom shall be a member of
11 the Rhode Island business community with expertise in human resources practices, to be
12 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

13 The purpose of said commission shall be to undergo a study of unlawful sexual
14 harassment in the workplace, including a review of existing protections and procedures available
15 under current Rhode Island and federal law.

16 Forthwith upon the passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet
17 at the call of the Speaker of the House to organize and select a chairperson; and a vice
18 chairperson who shall be a representative and an active member of the Rhode Island Bar
19 Association.

1 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in a like manner as the original appointment.

2 The members of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services,

3 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
4 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
5 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

6 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters
7 for said commission; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
9 House of Representatives no later than May 17, 2018, and said commission shall expire on June
10 7, 2018.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION
CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY UNLAWFUL SEXUAL
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- 1 This resolution would create an eleven (11) member special legislative commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to study unlawful sexual harassment in the workplace and who would
- 3 report back to the House of Representatives no later than May 17, 2018 and whose life would
- 4 expire on June 7, 2018.

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