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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AT THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Introduced By: Representatives Roberts, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Lima, and Price

Date Introduced: February 07, 2019

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of five (5) members: five (5) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island House of  
3 Representatives, not more than three (3) from the same political party, to be appointed by the  
4 Speaker of the House.

5           In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory  
6 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly  
7 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu  
8 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which  
9 is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

10           The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the policies  
11 and procedures at the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)  
12 primarily including the policies and/or lack of policies, procedures, and regulations which may  
13 have an adverse impact on the health, welfare, safety, protection, and well-being of children and  
14 youth under the care and responsibility of the Department.

15           Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
16 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson.

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

18           The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

19           All departments and agencies of the state, shall furnish such advice and information,

1 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or  
2 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

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

5 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
6 House of Representatives no later than January 2, 2020, and said commission shall expire on  
7 March 2, 2020.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This resolution would create a five (5) member special legislative study commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the policies and procedures of the
- 3 RI Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and who would report back to the House of
- 4 Representatives no later than January 2, 2020, and whose life would expire on March 2, 2020.

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