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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO TEACH FOR AMERICA RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, and Slater

Date Introduced: May 03, 2019

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, Teach For America, a nonprofit organization, is the top recruiter of
2 individuals of color and individuals from a low-income background, for positions within the
3 teacher workforce both in Rhode Island and across the country. In the 2018-2019 school year, 40
4 percent of Teach For America Rhode Island teachers identify as persons of color and 35 percent
5 identify as members of low-income communities. Teach For America Rhode Island has served
6 over 20,000 students since 2010, including 4,000 this school year across 20 schools in Providence
7 County; and

8 WHEREAS, Teach For America Rhode Island is filling critical teaching roles across
9 Rhode Island in secondary science and mathematics, English as a Second Language, and special
10 education; and

11 WHEREAS, Rhode Island Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in
12 Rhode Island Section 1.8.7 provides for Teach For America Rhode Island to run an alternative
13 teacher certification pathway for the recruitment, development, and support of new educators to
14 the state; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
16 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2019-2020, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
17 (\$100,000), to Teach For America Rhode Island to diversify the educator pipeline; and the state
18 controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the

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1 payment of said sum upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
JOINT RESOLUTION
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to Teach For
- 2 America Rhode Island.

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