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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RI OFFICE OF THE POSTSECONDARY
COMMISSIONER (RIOPC) TO DEVELOP A POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN
DYSLEXIA KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE

Introduced By: Representatives Fenton-Fung, Casimiro, and Place

Date Introduced: February 24, 2021

Referred To: House Education

1 WHEREAS, The International Dyslexia Foundation estimates that between 15 percent
2 and 20 percent of the US population have a language-based learning disability, with dyslexia
3 being the most common. This means that 1 in 5 children could potentially struggle with dyslexia;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, While dyslexia is a lifelong learning disability, early, intensive, and
6 systematic intervention can help a student keep up and retain their grade level in school; and

7 WHEREAS, Early evaluation and intervention can also minimize the negative effects
8 dyslexia can have, such as low self-esteem and poor self-concept as a learner; and

9 WHEREAS, Currently, many Rhode Island teachers and other professionals are not
10 adequately prepared to identify and support students with dyslexia; and

11 WHEREAS, A post-graduate certification program that teaches effective intervention and
12 effective assessment of children with dyslexia will enable current and future educators and
13 practitioners to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to provide individualized
14 interventions for their students with dyslexia; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
16 respectfully requests the RI Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner to develop a graduate
17 certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice and report back with its findings and
18 recommendations by June 10, 2021, and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Shannon Gilkey, Ed.D., Rhode Island
- 2 Postsecondary Commissioner.

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