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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- NATIONAL SECURITY
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT FUND

Introduced By: Representatives Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Edwards, McGaw, Carson, and
Donovan

Date Introduced: April 08, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 30-32-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 30-32 entitled "National
2 Security Infrastructure Support Fund" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **30-32-5. Military facility protection program.**

4 (a) The purpose of this fund is to address emergent needs relating to mission sustainment,
5 encroachment reduction or prevention, and base retention. All funds appropriated for the purposes
6 of this program are eligible to be used for matching of federal funds.

7 (b) The specific allocation of the funds shall be determined by the commerce corporation,
8 after consultation with the fund's advisory board, and within the following program guidelines:

9 (1) To provide grants and loans to improve water, sewer, electric, gas, roads, rail systems,
10 runways, navigational, or security systems relating to the support of national security
11 infrastructures located within the state;

12 (2) To secure real estate and tangible property, as well as non-conservation lands, to be
13 used for expansion or to protect against encroachment around national security installations within
14 the state;

15 (3) To support best practices in energy efficiency savings initiatives at military facilities,
16 including renewable energy applications;

17 (4) To support innovative public/private partnerships in military facility operations,
18 including utility, housing, purchasing, and transportation services; ~~and~~

1 (5) To provide grants to increase the mission-related capabilities of the national security
2 infrastructures located within the state; and

3 (6) To provide grants and loans to improve, maintain and operate Burma Road located in
4 Middletown and Portsmouth which is owned by the United States government. The general
5 assembly shall appropriate a sum of not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for an economic
6 impact study to substantiate any grant or loan provided by this subsection.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the general assembly to provide grants and loans to improve,
2 maintain and operate Burma Road in Middletown and Portsmouth which is owned by the United
3 States government, along with an additional \$50,000 for an economic impact study.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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