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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

Introduced By: Representatives Dawson, O'Brien, and Carson

Date Introduced: May 12, 2023

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22-11-3.4 of the General Laws in Chapter 22-11 entitled "Joint  
2 Committee on Legislative Services" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **22-11-3.4. Duties of the law revision director.**

4 (a) In addition to other duties assigned to the law revision director, ~~he or she~~ the director  
5 shall rearrange, rephrase, and consolidate the public laws and acts and resolves of the general  
6 assembly so that redundancies may be avoided, obsolete enactments eliminated, contradictions  
7 reconciled, omissions supplied, and imperfections cured. The law revision director has no authority  
8 either to change the law or to alter the substance of the statutes but shall alert the general assembly  
9 annually to specific changes, which may be required. In addition, a report shall be filed annually  
10 with the general assembly ~~which that~~ shall indicate which sections of the general laws ~~at the~~  
11 ~~previous session had more than one amendment~~ were amended by more than one act during the  
12 previous legislative session and displaying a copy of the final version of the statute on the first  
13 legislative day of the next subsequent session of the general assembly. For the purposes of this  
14 section, duplicate bills arising in each chamber and passed in concurrence shall be treated as one  
15 act.

16 (b) The law revision director shall, by February 1, 2020, file a report with the general  
17 assembly proposing amendments to those sections of the general laws that do not use appropriate  
18 disability language as required by § 43-3-7.1. The report shall also include a list of those statutes

1 for which amendments are not being proposed pursuant to § 43-3-7.1 because the director had  
2 determined that such amendments could alter the intent of the statute. The report shall be prepared  
3 after consultation with the governor's commission on disabilities.

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

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- 1           This act would require the law revision director to report to the general assembly, sections
- 2 of law that are amended by multiple acts during the same legislative session.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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