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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$738,088 TO RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

Introduced By: Senator Sandra Cano

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: Senate Finance

1 WHEREAS, Rhode Island College (RIC) is the State's only 4-year public institution of  
2 higher education with a Hispanic-serving institution (HSI) designation charged to intentionally  
3 create a college environment and effectiveness that is focused on student success; and

4 WHEREAS, In order to be successful in its mission, RIC must invest in and build  
5 capacity to enhance its ability to serve students of all backgrounds and make it more intentional  
6 and inclusive of all student populations; and

7 WHEREAS, There is an essential prerequisite to rebuild the HIS infrastructure's capacity  
8 and resources in order to meet these goals through three areas of focus: leadership, data, and  
9 practice; and

10 WHEREAS, The establishment of a specific HSI cost center that will help to initiate,  
11 sustain, and track HSI investments includes:

12 1. \$100,000 to work with educational consultants around HIS best practices regarding  
13 curriculum and co-curricular activities for students;

14 2. \$25,000 for RIC alumni engagement and affinity group formation, targeted outreach  
15 and programming for targeted and bilingual communications, marketing, and advertising for  
16 admissions, and consulting contracts with Developing Hispanic Serving Institution (DHSI)  
17 experts;

18 3. \$100,000 for a RIC Faculty Fellow for HSI programs;

19 4. \$17,088 to offer 3 additional cohorts (15 students per cohort) at the RIC Workforce  
20 Development Hub with no cost to participants;

1           5. \$45,000 for Project ExCEL Support and Expansion including marketing material to  
2 properly promote ExCEL program and services, funding for an ExCEL Summer Experience  
3 (during the Summer 2023, Summer Session II), and funding to provide professional development  
4 across multiple workshops;

5           6. \$100,000 for the Rhode Island Department of Education and Rhode Island College  
6 Math Readiness Program;

7           7. \$96,000 for summer course offerings of Math 010;

8           8. \$30,000 to expand academic support for the sciences;

9           9. \$25,000 in funding for students to attend regional and national  
10 conferences/conventions to meet other students with similar backgrounds from other  
11 colleges/universities, hear professional speakers and participate in workshops and seminars; and

12          10. \$200,000 in funding for a multitude of activities, workshops, classes, job shadowing,  
13 internships, and mentoring to prepare students for careers in business in order to build a diverse  
14 and talented workforce for RI businesses; 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 2024-2025, the sum of seven hundred thirty-eight  
17 thousand and eighty-eight dollars (\$738,088) to Rhode Island College for Rhode Island College  
18 HSI status and student supports; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw  
19 his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much thereof as may be  
20 from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$738,088 to Rhode Island
- 2 College to fund Rhode Island College HSI status and students supports.

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