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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
ADVISORY COUNCIL

Introduced By: Representatives Stewart, Potter, and Voas

Date Introduced: February 28, 2025

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

(Commerce)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 42-143-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-143 entitled "Science  
2 and Technology Advisory Council" as enacted by Chapter 254 of the 2006 Public Laws is hereby  
3 repealed:

4           ~~42-143-1. Council established. [As enacted by P.L. 2006, ch. 254.]~~

5           ~~There is hereby created a Rhode Island science and technology advisory council to consist~~  
6 ~~of thirteen (13) members: three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the governor, with two (2) of~~  
7 ~~those so appointed to be designated by the governor as co-chairs; six (6) of whom shall be the~~  
8 ~~members of the science and technology advisory council, as established by executive order 05-07;~~  
9 ~~one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; one of whom shall~~  
10 ~~be appointed by the house minority leader; and one of whom shall be appointed by the president of~~  
11 ~~the senate; and one of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader. The membership of~~  
12 ~~said council shall receive no compensation for their services. The council shall support the state's~~  
13 ~~research institutions, promote entrepreneurial development, enable all organizations to become~~  
14 ~~more innovative, and perform any other advisory functions as the legislature may designate.~~

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would eliminate one of two (2) conflicting versions of the science and technology
- 2 advisory council authorizing statute, clarifying the structure of the council.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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