

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (EOHHS) TO ADOPT AN ELECTRONIC PREADMISSION SCREENING AND RESIDENT REVIEW (PASRR) SYSTEM

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, DiPalma, Murray, Lauria, Zurier, Acosta, Valverde, Gallo, and Vargas

Date Introduced: January 23, 2026

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

1 WHEREAS, The PASRR system is a federal requirement to evaluate individuals seeking
2 admission to Medicaid-certified nursing facilities for serious mental illness or
3 intellectual/developmental disabilities; and

4 WHEREAS, Most states have transitioned from paper-based submissions to an electronic
5 PASRR system, which is a digital platform used to manage the federally mandated screening
6 process. Rhode Island is one of the only states, if not the only state, to have not yet converted; and

7 WHEREAS, Benefits of adopting an electronic PASRR system include:

- 8 • Protects Vulnerable Individuals: It identifies people with SMI/IDD to prevent
9 them from being unnecessarily institutionalized in nursing facilities;
- 10 • Promotes Least Restrictive Settings: Ensures people are placed in the most
11 appropriate, least restrictive environment, often in the community, when possible;
- 12 • Supports Community-Based Care: Facilitates home and community-based
13 services (HCBS) for more independence and freedom;
- 14 • Informed Choice & Dignity: Offers individuals and families awareness of
15 alternatives to nursing homes, supporting person-centered care;
- 16 • Ensures Appropriate Services: Guarantees that necessary specialized mental
17 health or IDD services are identified and provided;
- 18 • Rebalances Long-Term Services: Helps states shift resources from institutional
19 care to community support; and

1 • Reduces Readmissions: By connecting individuals with needed supports, it
2 lowers the risk of hospital readmissions; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby respectfully requests
4 the RI Executive Office of Health and Human Services to:

5 • Investigate the potential cost savings and advantages to entering into a
6 Memorandum of understanding (MUO) with neighboring states in implementing an electronic
7 PASRR system;

8 • Investigate potential grant funding and Federal Funding for the adoption of an
9 electronic PASRR system; and

10 • Establish and implement the electronic PASRR System no later than January 1,
11 2027; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Governor Daniel McKee, and
14 Richard Charest III, R.Ph, MBA, Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

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