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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N

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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