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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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

**CREATING A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO STUDY MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL
INTEGRITY IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representative Gordon D. Fox

Date Introduced: January 27, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of seven (7) members: one of whom shall be the Chair of the House Committee on
3 Finance, or designee; one of whom shall be the Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary, or
4 designee; one of whom shall be the Chair of the House Committee on Municipal Government, or
5 designee; and four (4) of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives, not more than
6 two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

7 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
8 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
9 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
10 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which
11 is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

12 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and provide
13 recommendations relating to the fiscal health of Rhode Island's cities and towns, including, but
14 not limited to: methods to enhance the stability of Rhode Island's cities and towns, financial
15 impact of local bond ratings, the funding of municipal pension plans, and protocols, models, and
16 proactive solutions to achieve municipal financial stability.

17 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
18 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson from among the
19 legislators.

1 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

2 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

3 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
4 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
5 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

6 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters
7 for said commission; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
9 House of Representatives no later than May 3, 2011, and bi-annually thereafter, and said
10 commission shall expire on July 30, 2016.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION
CREATING A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO STUDY MUNICIPAL FINANCIAL
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1 This resolution would create a seven (7) member special legislative study commission
2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the municipal financial integrity of
3 the State of Rhode Island's cities and towns and who would report back to the House of
4 Representatives no later than May 3, 2011, and bi-annually thereafter, and whose life would
5 expire on July 30, 2016.

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