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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Giannini, Carter, Savage, Naughton, and Pacheco

Date Introduced: February 24, 2010

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Hiring freeze – (a) No department, agency, public corporation, quasi-public
2 corporation or any other entity of state government shall hereinafter hire, contract with or
3 otherwise engage the services of consultants.

4 (b) For the purposes of this section, “consultant” means an individual, partnership or
5 corporation who, for a fee, holds himself/herself or it out to the public as engaged in the business
6 of offering advise, counsel, opinion or service with respect to the benefits, advantages or
7 disadvantage of pursuing or not pursuing any course of action or inaction on the part of any state
8 department, agency, public corporation, quasi-public corporation or entity.

9 (c) All state departments, agencies, public corporations, quasi-public corporations and
10 agencies shall make use of existing staff and resources in lieu of consultants and are hereby
11 authorized to utilize staff and resources across state government to meet specific needs heretofore
12 filled by the use of consultants.

13 (d) Subsection (a) shall remain in full force and effect until amended.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit the hiring of consultants by state departments, agencies, public
2 corporations, quasi-public corporations or entities.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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