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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIVERSAL ONLINE
APPLICATION FOR MULTIPLE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN THE STATE OF RHODE
ISLAND

Introduced By: Representative Linda D.Finn

Date Introduced: March 04, 2014

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of seven (7) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the House of
3 Representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the
4 Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Department of
5 Administration, or designee; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Department
6 of Human Services or designee; and two (2) of whom shall be members of the general public who
7 have utilized one or more of the assistance applications, to be appointed by the Speaker of the
8 House.

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

14 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the feasibility
15 and recommendations for developing a universal, online application process for families with
16 children to utilize when applying for multiple public assistance programs, including, but not
17 limited to: health and medical services, food assistance/WIC, RI Works, dental care, and child
18 care assistance.

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

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

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

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

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

11 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
12 House of Representatives no later than January 6, 2015, and said commission shall expire on
13 March 6, 2015.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This resolution would create a seven (7) member special legislative study commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to study and make recommendations for an online universal
- 3 application for assistance programs, and who would report back to the House of Representatives
- 4 no later than January 6, 2015, and whose life would expire on March 6, 2015.

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