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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Connors, Jabour, Sosnowski, and Paiva-Weed

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

1           RESOLVED, That a special Senate commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of eleven (11) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the Senate, not more  
3 than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; one of  
4 whom shall be the chief of the division of municipal finance, or designee; one of whom shall be  
5 the tax administrator, or designee; one of whom shall be the executive director of the Rhode  
6 Island League of Cities and Towns, or designee; one of whom shall be the executive director of  
7 the Government Financial Officers Association, or designee; one of whom shall be the president  
8 of the Rhode Island Tax Collector's Association, or designee; one of whom shall be the  
9 chairperson of the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission, or designee; one of whom shall be  
10 the executive director of the Rhode Island City and Town Management Association, or designee;  
11 and one of whom shall be a member of labor to be appointed by the president of the Rhode Island  
12 AFL-CIO.

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

19           The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of municipal

1 services and of the concept and feasibility of municipal shared services. The goal of such  
2 municipal shared services would be to enable cities and towns to operate in a more economic,  
3 efficient, and effective manner in relation to the services they provide to members of their  
4 respective communities.

5       Upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at the call of  
6 the President of the Senate and organize and shall select, from among the legislators, a  
7 chairperson.

8       Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.  
9 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services. All  
10 departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information, documentary and  
11 otherwise to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or desirable by the  
12 commission; to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

13       The Joint Committee of Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide  
14 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

15       RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
16 Senate no later than March 31, 2010, and said commission shall expire on June 15, 2010.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This resolution would create an eleven (11) member special Senate commission whose  
2   purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of municipal shared services, and who would  
3   report back to the Senate no later than March 31, 2010, and whose life would expire on June 15,  
4   2010.

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