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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND ASSESS THE
NEED FOR TECHNOLOGY FUNDING TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR 21ST CENTURY
CAREERS**

Introduced By: Representatives O'Brien, Marshall, Keable, Maldonado, and McKiernan

Date Introduced: February 11, 2015

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of nine (9) members: four (4) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island House of
3 Representatives, not more than three (3) from the same political party, to be appointed by the
4 Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of the Rhode Island
5 Association of School Committees, or designee; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of
6 the Rhode Island School Superintendents' Association, or designee; one of whom shall be a RIDE
7 staff member, to be appointed by the Rhode Island Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary
8 Education; one of whom shall be the Chief Information Officer of the Rhode Island Division of
9 Information Technology; and one of whom shall be an information technology services staff
10 person employed by a Rhode Island public university or college, to be appointed by the Speaker
11 of the House.

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

17 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and analysis of
18 the need for technology funding for Rhode Island's public schools in order to better prepare
19 students for 21st century challenges and careers.

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 April 7, 2016, and said commission shall expire on July 7,
13 2016.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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- 1 This resolution would create a nine (9) member special legislative study commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to study and assess the need for technology funding in schools, and
- 3 who would report back to the House no later than April 7, 2016, and whose life would expire on
- 4 July 7, 2016.

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