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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA AND  
HARASSMENT IN THE RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD

Introduced By: Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, Ackerman, Hull, Lombardi, and  
Canario

Date Introduced: May 12, 2017

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

1           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of five (5) members: two (2) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island House of  
3 Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Rhode  
4 Island Attorney General, or designee; one of whom shall be a member of the general public who  
5 is a new-era veteran, to be appointed by the Speaker; and one of whom shall be a member of the  
6 general public who formerly served as a Military Judge Advocate, to be appointed by the  
7 Speaker.

8           In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory  
9 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly  
10 resolution, the Speaker of the House may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu  
11 of a legislator.

12           The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and provide  
13 recommendations on potential policy, training, and/or preventative measures involving  
14 occurrences of military sexual trauma and harassment in the Rhode Island National Guard.

15           Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
16 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson.

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

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

19           All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,

1 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or  
2 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

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

5 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
6 House of Representatives no later than March 6, 2018, and said commission shall expire on May  
7 6, 2018.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This resolution would create a five (5) member special legislative study commission  
2 whose purpose it would be to study and provide recommendations on potential policy, training,  
3 and/or preventative measures involving occurrences of military sexual trauma and harassment in  
4 the Rhode Island National Guard, and who would report back to the House no later than March 6,  
5 2018, and whose life would expire on May 8, 2018.

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