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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 POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES RELATING TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MENTAL HEALTH, AND
RELATED SERVICES**

Introduced By: Representatives Craven, McEntee, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: January 03, 2018

Referred To: House Finance

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and hereby is created consisting
2 of nine (9) members: five (5) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island House of
3 Representatives, not more than four (4) from the same political party, to be appointed by the
4 Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the CEO of UnitedHealthcare of New England, or
5 designee; one of whom shall be the President of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island, or
6 designee; one of whom shall be the Director of Reimbursement for the Executive Office of
7 Health & Human Services, or designee; and one of whom shall be the President of Neighborhood
8 Health Plan of Rhode Island, or designee.

9 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and provide
10 recommendations for clarifying and enhancing the policies and procedures relating to substance
11 abuse, mental health, and related services, including, but not limited to, compliance, claims,
12 reimbursements, definitions, and guidelines.

13 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
14 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select, from among the legislators, a
15 chairperson. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original
16 appointment.

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

18 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
19 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or

1 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

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

4 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
5 House of Representatives no later than February 5, 2019, and said commission shall expire on
6 May 5, 2019.

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