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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE 911 EMERGENCY
TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Introduced By: Representatives Lancia, Shanley, Walsh, Mendonca, and Vella-
Wilkinson

Date Introduced: January 26, 2018

Referred To: House Finance

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of five (5) members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, not more than three
3 (3) from the same political party, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

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

9 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the 911
10 Emergency Telephone System including, but not limited to:

- 11 (1) The operations call center's staffing levels;
12 (2) The use of 911 fees; and
13 (3) The effect that any understaffing has had on public health and safety.

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

16 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original 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 7, 2019, and said commission shall expire on
6 May 7, 2019.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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- 1 This resolution would create a five (5) member special legislative study commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the 911 Emergency Phone System,
- 3 and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later than February 7, 2019, and
- 4 whose life would expire on May 7, 2019.

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