

1 the director designee, and consist of nine (9) additional members: one of whom shall be the
2 attorney general or designee; one member from the Rhode Island Medical Society; one member
3 from the Hospital Association of Rhode Island; one member from the Rhode Island chapter of the
4 American Society of Addiction Medicine; and five (5) members approved by the governor, one of
5 whom shall be a person with a substance abuse disorder; one of whom shall be a person working
6 in overdose prevention; one of whom shall be a current or former law enforcement official; one of
7 whom shall be a representative of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns; and one of
8 whom shall be a family member of a person who suffered a fatal drug overdose.

9 **23-12.10-3. Role of advisory committee.**

10 (a) The advisory committee shall make recommendations to the director of the
11 department of health with respect to the following:

12 (1) Maximizing the potential public health and safety benefits of harm reduction centers;

13 (2) The proper disposal of hypodermic needles and syringes;

14 (3) The recovery of persons utilizing such harm reduction centers;

15 (4) Federal, state and local laws impacting the creation and operation of the harm
16 reduction centers;

17 (5) Appropriate guidance to relevant professional licensing boards;

18 (6) Potential collaboration with other public health efforts;

19 (7) Consideration of any other factors beneficial to promoting the public health and
20 safety; and

21 (8) Liability protection for property owners, harm reduction staff, and volunteers and
22 participants, from criminal or civil liability resulting from the operation of a harm reduction
23 center.

24 **23-12.10-4. Promulgation of regulations.**

25 The director of the department of health shall promulgate regulations authorized by this
26 chapter no later than January 1, 2020, and such regulations shall be transmitted to the general
27 assembly.

28 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - HARM REDUCTION CENTER ADVISORY
COMMITTEE AND PILOT PROGRAM

1 This act would create a pilot program to establish harm reduction centers, facilities
2 wherein persons may use pre-obtained controlled substances under the supervision of health care
3 professionals. The director of the department of health, with the advice of an advisory committee,
4 would promulgate regulations on or before January 1, 2020 with respect to this act.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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