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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

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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 EXAMINE THE STATE'S  
GROWING HOME SCHOOL POPULATION AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO  
ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO ALL AVAILABLE SERVICES IN  
ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THEIR EDUCATION**

Introduced By: Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: February 11, 2021

Referred To: House Education

1           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of eleven (11) members; four (4) of whom shall be members of the 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 Rhode Island Commissioner of Elementary and  
5 Secondary Education, or designee; one of whom shall be the State Coordinator for the Rhode  
6 Island Guild of Home Teachers (RIGHT), or designee; one of whom shall be a member of a  
7 Rhode Island Town School Committee, to be appointed by the President of the Rhode Island  
8 Association of School Committees; one of whom shall be a member of a Rhode Island City  
9 School Committee, to be appointed by the President of the Rhode Island Association of School  
10 Committees; two (2) of whom shall be parents of home schooled students, one of whom shall  
11 reside in a Rhode Island city, and one of whom shall reside in a Rhode Island town, to be  
12 appointed by the Speaker; and one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island  
13 Association of School Principals, or designee.

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

1           The purpose of said commission shall be to examine the State's growing home school  
2 population and provide recommendations to ensure that all students have access to all available  
3 services in order to maximize their education.

4           Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
5 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select, from among the legislators, a  
6 chairperson.

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

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

9           All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,  
10 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or  
11 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

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

14           RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
15 House of Representatives no later than January 4, 2022, and said commission shall expire on  
16 April 4, 2022.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
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1           This resolution would create an eleven (11) member special legislative commission  
2 whose purpose it would be to examine the State's growing home school population and provide  
3 recommendations to ensure that all students have access to all available services in order to  
4 maximize their education, and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later  
5 than January 4, 2022, and whose life would expire on April 4, 2022.

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