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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON  
FEDERAL FUNDING

Introduced By: Representatives Marshall, Kennedy, O'Brien, Almeida, and Gallison

Date Introduced: February 27, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 22 of the General Laws entitled "GENERAL ASSEMBLY" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 14.3

4 LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON FEDERAL FUNDING

5 **22-14.3-1. Establishment -- Purpose -- Membership -- Compensation.** -- (a) There is  
6 established an oversight commission empowered to review federal funds currently held by the  
7 state or by quasi-public state agencies or instrumentalities. The review shall include, but not be  
8 limited to, the following as its objectives:

9 (1) The identification and quantifying of federal funds currently held;

10 (2) The conditions or restrictions governing the expenditure of such funds; and

11 (3) The projected timeline for each such expenditure.

12 (b) The commission shall consist of fourteen (14) members all of whom shall be citizens

13 and residents of this state; four (4) of whom shall be members of the house of representatives, not

14 more than three (3) from the same political party, to be appointed by the speaker; three (3) of

15 whom shall be members of the senate, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be

16 appointed by the president of the senate; one of whom shall be the director of administration; four

17 (4) of whom shall be members of the general public to be appointed by the governor; one of

18 whom shall be the fiscal assistant to the house finance committee; and one of whom shall be the

1 auditor general.

2 (c) The public members shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years except for the two  
3 (2) members originally appointed; one shall be appointed for a term of one year and one shall be  
4 appointed for a term of two (2) years.

5 (d) The legislative members shall serve a term of two (2) years. The members shall  
6 annually elect one of them as chairperson of the commission.

7 (e) Any vacancy on the commission, occurring for any reason prior to the expiration of  
8 the term, including, but not limited to, termination of active membership in the general assembly,  
9 shall be filled for the unexpired term by the appointing authority in the same manner as the  
10 original appointment.

11 (f) Any member of the commission may, for cause, be summarily removed from office by  
12 the appointing authority, which removal shall be subject to judicial review by the superior court,  
13 and pending that review the member shall not carry out any duties as a commission member.

14 (g) The director of administration, the fiscal assistant to the house finance committee, and  
15 the auditor general respectively may designate a person to represent them at all commission  
16 meetings.

17 (h) The members of the commission, except those members from the general public, shall  
18 receive no salaries but shall be allowed reasonable expenses in the performance of their official  
19 duties.

20 (i) The members from the general public shall not be compensated for service on the  
21 board.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would establish a legislative oversight commission on federal funding, and
- 2           would provide for its membership and operation.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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