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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### HOUSE RESOLUTION

THAT THIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HEREBY ENCOURAGES AND SUPPORTS  
THE EFFORTS OF THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO LOCATE A NURSING EDUCATION CENTER  
AT THE SOUTH STREET POWER STATION IN PROVIDENCE

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, and Lally

Date Introduced: June 27, 2013

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1           WHEREAS, Rhode Island College (the College), the University of Rhode Island (the  
2 University), and the Community College of Rhode Island provide high-quality, public nursing  
3 education and research programs, which produce approximately 80% of the state's nursing  
4 program graduates each year; and

5           WHEREAS, The facilities housing the nursing programs at the College and the  
6 University are aging, lack current technologies and smart classrooms, and are at their physical  
7 enrollment capacities; and

8           WHEREAS, Projected local and national shortages of nursing candidates for licensure  
9 and nursing faculty are expected to adversely impact the delivery of health care in the coming  
10 years; and

11           WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the State of Rhode Island to enable the University  
12 and the College to educate students at all levels in the sciences and caring for complex health care  
13 challenges in a low-risk environment, to provide critical continuing education in order to support  
14 workforce development, and to produce more nursing graduates at the baccalaureate, masters, and  
15 doctoral levels; and

16           WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the State of Rhode Island to pursue cost-effective  
17 financing for its public nursing higher education facilities as outlined in the May 23, 2011,  
18 feasibility study authorized by this House of Representatives in the fiscal year 2012 budget which

1 proposed the development of a single, shared, inter-institutional nursing sciences and education  
2 facility to be located in Providence's Jewelry District; and

3 WHEREAS, Location of a shared facility in collaboration with Brown University in  
4 Providence's Jewelry District will allow the College and the University to maximize symmetries  
5 and current partnerships with Brown University's Alpert Medical School (AMS), and the state's  
6 major hospitals and other health care providers; and

7 WHEREAS, A shared nursing education facility would be an investment by the citizens  
8 of Rhode Island that will provide Rhode Island students, and particularly students from the urban  
9 area in which the new nursing school will be located, with programs to encourage the pursuit of  
10 careers in nursing, increased opportunities to attend the College and the University to pursue  
11 nursing education, and financial and other assistance to facilitate nursing program completion;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Decisions regarding the nursing education facility that involve and impact  
14 both the University of Rhode Island and Rhode Island College nursing programs shall not be  
15 made by either the University or College alone but through a shared governance committee  
16 comprised of appropriate and equal numbers of individuals from the University and the College  
17 and chaired by a senior staff member of the board of education; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby encourages and supports the  
19 efforts of the Rhode Island Board of Education and the Department of Administration to locate a  
20 shared nursing education facility at the South Street Power Station in Providence; and be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That neither the state properties committee nor the board of education shall  
23 enter into any lease agreement without the express approval of the House of Representatives  
24 pursuant to Rhode Island general laws subsection 37-6-2(d); and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That this House Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage  
26 by the House of Representatives; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
28 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Chair of the Board of  
29 Education, the Director of the Department of Administration, the State Budget Officer, and the  
30 Chairman of the State Properties Committee.

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