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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - RHODE ISLAND RESOURCE RECOVERY
CORPORATION

Introduced By: Representatives Tobon, Barros, Coughlin, Solomon, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: June 15, 2016

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-19 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Resource
2 Recovery Corporation" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-19-24.1. Solid waste diversion - Economic impact and strategies reporting. -- (a)**
4 On or before January 1, 2018, the corporation shall submit to the governor, the senate president
5 and the speaker of the house, a study of the economic impact of Rhode Island recycling related
6 industries. The study shall include, but not be limited to, direct and indirect jobs created, direct
7 and indirect economic impacts, and the potential economic benefits of achieving the state's fifty
8 percent (50%) diversion goal.

9 (b) On or before January 1, 2018, the corporation shall submit to the governor, the senate
10 president and the speaker of the house, a report that provides strategies to achieve the state's fifty
11 percent (50%) diversion goal, including the following:

12 (1) A review and update of the state's current diversion rate;

13 (2) Identification of problematic waste streams and sources and recommendations on
14 handling those waste streams and sources;

15 (3) Evaluation of current programs and their effectiveness, and recommendations for
16 changes to those programs.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require reporting by the resource recovery corporation on the economic
2 impact of the Rhode Island recycling related industries, including the impact of diversion goal
3 requiring that fifty percent of the state's solid waste be diverted using various recycling
4 techniques.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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