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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Donovan, Craven, McNamara, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: March 09, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of fifteen (15) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the House of
3 Representatives, not more than two (2) of whom shall be from the same political party, to be
4 appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Rhode Island Commissioner of
5 Elementary and Secondary Education, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the
6 Rhode Island Association of School Committees, or designee; three (3) of whom shall be
7 Superintendents of Rhode Island school districts, one from a small district, one from a medium
8 sized district, and one from a large school district, to be appointed by the Executive Director of
9 the Rhode Island School Superintendents' Association; one of whom shall be the President of the
10 Rhode Island Chapter of the American Federation of Teachers, or designee; one of whom shall be
11 the President of the Rhode Island Chapter of the National Education Association, or designee;
12 one of whom shall be the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Interscholastic League, or
13 designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island League of Charter Schools, or
14 designee; one of whom shall be the Chair of the Board of Directors at Rhode Island Mayoral
15 Academies, or designee; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of the Rhode Island State
16 Nurses Association, or designee; and one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island
17 Medical Society, or designee.

18 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
19 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
20 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu

1 of a legislator.

2 The purpose of said commission shall be to study all aspects involved in changing the
3 start time of Rhode Island's public high schools including, but not limited to, the fiscal impact on
4 school districts, relevant health and educational issues, and the coordination of state-wide
5 afterschool activities, and to make recommendations with respect thereto.

6 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
7 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select, from among the legislators, a
8 chairperson. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original
9 appointment.

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

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

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

16 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
17 House of Representatives no later than January 31, 2018, and said commission shall expire on
18 March 31, 2018.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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