

1 project for the auxiliary enterprise building on the University of Rhode Island campus; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, that this Joint Resolution shall take effect upon passage by this General
4 Assembly.

5 SECTION 3. *University of Rhode Island – Fraternity Circle Master Plan Implementation*

6 WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Council on Postsecondary Education and the University of
7 Rhode Island are proposing a project which involves improvements to the sector of the Kingston
8 Campus devoted to fraternity and sorority houses, referred to as Fraternity Circle, on the Kingston
9 Campus; and

10 WHEREAS, the University of Rhode Island is underway with a utility and infrastructure
11 project to replace, improve, and reorganize aged, incrementally developed utility and paved
12 infrastructure in Fraternity Circle, referred to in the University’s Capital Improvement Plan as
13 “Fraternity Circle Improvements” project, including improvements to water, wastewater, electrical,
14 telecommunications, natural gas connections, and storm water management systems, as well as
15 roadways, walkways, and parking lots as a first phase of improvements reflected in a “master plan”
16 for this unique neighborhood of on-campus residences serving organizations of students; and

17 WHEREAS, the second phase of the overall improvements to Fraternity Circle, referred
18 to on the University’s Capital Improvement Plan as the “Fraternity Circle Master Plan
19 Implementation” project is needed to complete this district of campus; and

20 WHEREAS, the design and execution of this project will improve student life and the
21 campus's environmental impact; and

22 WHEREAS, these timely project commitments serve the objectives of both the University
23 and the local community; and

24 WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Public Corporation Debt Management Act requires the
25 General Assembly to provide its consent to the issuance or incurring by the State of Rhode Island
26 and other public agencies of certain obligations including financing guarantees or other agreements;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, the design and construction will be financed through Rhode Island Health and
29 Educational Building Corporation revenue bonds, with an expected term of twenty (20) years; and

30 WHEREAS, the project costs associated with completion of the project and proposed
31 financing method is two million one hundred thousand dollars (\$2,100,000), including cost of
32 issuance. Debt Service payments would be supported by the University's unrestricted general
33 fund. Total debt service on the bonds is not expected to exceed three million seven hundred
34 thousand dollars (\$3,700,000) in the aggregate based on an average interest rate of six percent

1 (6%); now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, that this General Assembly hereby approves financing in an amount not to
3 exceed two million one hundred thousand dollars (\$2,100,000) for the Fraternity Circle Master Plan
4 Implementation project at the University of Rhode Island; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, that, this Joint Resolution shall take effect upon passage by this General
6 Assembly.

7 SECTION 4. *University of Rhode Island – Combined Health & Counseling Center –*
8 *Auxiliary Enterprise*

9 WHEREAS, the Council on Postsecondary Education and the University have a long-
10 standing commitment to the health and wellness of their students; and

11 WHEREAS, the University has a desire to create a one-stop center to address the physical,
12 emotional, and mental health of its students; and

13 WHEREAS, the Council on Postsecondary Education and the University of Rhode Island
14 are proposing a project which involves the construction of a new Combined Health & Counseling
15 Center to meet the ongoing and growing health needs of their students; and

16 WHEREAS, the University engaged a qualified architectural firm, which has completed
17 an advanced planning study for this new building; and

18 WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Public Corporation Debt Management Act requires the
19 General Assembly to provide its consent to the issuance or incurring by the State of Rhode Island
20 and other public agencies of certain obligations including financing guarantees or other agreements;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the design and construction associated with this work of an Auxiliary
23 Enterprise building will be financed through the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building
24 Corporation (RIHEBC) revenue bonds, with an expected term of thirty (30) years; and

25 WHEREAS, the total project costs associated with completion of the project through the
26 proposed financing method is twenty-six million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$26,900,000),
27 including cost of issuance. Debt service payments would be supported by revenues derived from
28 student fees associated with the respective Auxiliary Enterprises of the University of Rhode Island
29 occupying said facility. Total debt service on the bonds is not expected to exceed fifty-eight million
30 seven hundred thousand dollars (\$58,700,000) in the aggregate based on an average interest rate of
31 six (6%) percent; now, therefore be it

32 RESOLVED, that this General Assembly hereby approves financing in an amount not to
33 exceed twenty-six million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$26,900,000) for the Combined
34 Health & Counseling Center project for the auxiliary enterprise building on the University of Rhode

1 Island campus; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, that, this Joint Resolution shall take effect upon passage by this General
3 Assembly.

4 SECTION 5. *Department of Corrections – High Security Center Renovation*

5 WHEREAS, the High Security Center was opened in 1981 to manage the state’s most
6 dangerous offenders as well as those requiring protection from inmate general protection and has a
7 residential treatment unit to treat inmates with mental health crisis or more intensive mental health
8 issues; and

9 WHEREAS, the High Security Center’s capacity is listed at 138 inmates within 6 housing
10 modules, but its current census is 86; and

11 WHEREAS, the High Security Center per inmate cost in the facility is \$240,000, which
12 ranks among the highest in the nation due to poor physical design, specifically the small housing
13 modules and the number of staff required to supervise the inmates; and

14 WHEREAS, the poor physical designed housing structure results in a 0.85 inmate to 1 staff
15 ratio; and

16 WHEREAS, due to the age and poorly designed housing units, the High Security Center
17 requires significant infrastructure upgrades including new housing units featuring operational
18 improvements. The funding requested will be utilized to renovate the existing housing units, with
19 potential expansion to achieve operational efficiencies which will improve programming space,
20 alter facility design to reduce correctional officer – inmate ratios, provide energy/maintenance
21 efficiencies and increase the safety of correctional officers; and

22 WHEREAS, the capital costs associated with completion of the project are estimated to be
23 sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000). This includes \$15,000,000 from the Rhode Island Capital Plan
24 Fund for the renovation of the High Security Center and \$45,000,000 from the issuance of
25 Certificates of Participation. The total issuance would be \$45,000,000, with lease payments over
26 fifteen (15) years on the \$45,000,000 projected to be \$66,156,044 assuming an average coupon of
27 five percent (5.0%). The lease payments would be financed within the Department of
28 Administration from general revenue appropriations, therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, that a renovation of the High Security Center as part of the Department of
30 Corrections is critical to provide operations that are efficient, effective and safe for Correctional
31 staff; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, that this General Assembly hereby approves the issuance of certificate of
33 participation in an amount not to exceed \$45,000,000 for the renovation of High Security, part of
34 the Department of Corrections, and be it further

1 RESOLVED, that, this Joint Resolution shall take effect upon passage by this General
2 Assembly.
3 SECTION 6. This Article shall take effect upon passage.