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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON DISASTER
OVERSIGHT

Introduced By: Representatives Nardone, McLaughlin, Roberts, Price, Quattrocchi,
Place, and Newberry

Date Introduced: February 25, 2021

Referred To: House Judiciary

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 20

4 JOINT COMMITTEE ON DISASTER OVERSIGHT

5 **22-20-1. Establishment -- Purpose -- Membership -- Powers -- Meetings.**

6 (a) There is established a joint committee on disaster oversight to study the impact of any
7 executive order, rule, regulation or other action taken by the governor or any other matter resulting
8 from the declaration of a disaster emergency declared by the governor pursuant to § 30-15-9.

9 (b) The joint committee shall consist of twelve (12) members as follows: five (5) members
10 of the majority party of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker of the house;
11 two (2) members of the minority party of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the
12 minority leader; three (3) members of the majority party of the senate, to be appointed by the
13 president of the senate; and two (2) members of the minority party of the senate, to be appointed
14 by the minority leader.

15 (c) The committee members of the majority party shall elect a chairperson. The committee
16 members of the minority party shall elect a vice-chairperson.

17 (d) Either the chairperson or vice-chairperson shall be authorized to issue subpoenas for
18 the attendance of witnesses, production of documents or the examination of documents by the joint

1 [committee.](#)

2 [\(e\) The joint committee shall be convened by the chairperson or vice-chairperson on the](#)
3 [twenty-first day after the governor declares a disaster emergency pursuant to § 30-15-9. The joint](#)
4 [committee shall meet each and every week thereafter until the governor terminates the disaster](#)
5 [emergency.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would create the joint committee on disaster oversight which would consist of
2 twelve (12) members to study the impact of the governor's declaration of a disaster emergency
3 pursuant to § 30-15-9.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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