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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROTECTING AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE CARE FOR
VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN STATE-FUNDED HOME CARE PROGRAMS

Introduced By: Representative Jacquelyn M. Baginski

Date Introduced: June 16, 2021

Referred To: House Finance

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of twelve (12) members; three (3) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island
3 House of Representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by
4 the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Department of
5 Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals, or designee; one of whom shall
6 be the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health, or designee; one of whom shall be the
7 President of Day One, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island Police
8 Chiefs' Association, or designee; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of the Rhode
9 Island Developmental Disabilities Council, or designee; one of whom shall be the Chair of the
10 Rhode Island Disability Law Foundation, or designee; one of whom shall be the Director of the
11 Paul V. Sherlock Center on Disabilities, or designee; one of whom shall be a representative from
12 a home care provider agency, or designee; and one of whom shall be the Chief Executive Officer
13 of Special Olympics Rhode Island, or designee.

14 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
15 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
16 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
17 of a legislator, provided that the Majority Leader or the Minority Leader of the political party
18 which is entitled to the appointment, consents to the member of the general public.

19 The purpose of said commission shall be to make comprehensive study and analysis of

1 the best practices and provide recommendations for protecting and providing effective care for
2 vulnerable populations participating in state-funded home care programs.

3 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet
4 at the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and select a chairperson.

5 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original
6 appointment.

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

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

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

13 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
14 House of Representatives no later than February 8, 2022, and said commission shall expire on
15 May 8, 2022.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This resolution would create a twelve (12) member special legislative study commission
2 whose purpose it would be to study the best practices and provide recommendations for
3 protecting and providing effective care for vulnerable populations participating in state-funded
4 home care programs in Rhode Island, and who would report back to the House of Representatives
5 no later than February 8, 2022, and whose life would expire on May 8, 2022.

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