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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE PROCEDURE AND
PARAMETERS FOR CREATING A RHODE ISLAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Introduced By: Representatives O'Brien, Corvese, Marshall, Slater, and Keable

Date Introduced: January 11, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of eleven (11) members: four (4) of whom shall be members of the House of
3 Representatives, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House and two (2) of
4 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House in consultation with the House minority
5 leader; one of whom shall be the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, or
6 designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island Association of Administrators,
7 or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island Chapter of the American
8 Federation of Teachers, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island
9 Chapter of the National Education Association, or designee; one of whom shall be the President
10 of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees, or designee; one of whom shall be the
11 President of the Rhode Island Association of School Principals, or designee; and one of whom
12 shall be a member of the general public, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

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

18 The purpose of said commission shall be to study all aspects pertaining to the creation of
19 a Rhode Island Scholarship Fund and make recommendations with respect thereto. Without

1 limiting the generality of the foregoing, the commission shall examine the Georgia, Kentucky,
2 and Tennessee Scholarship funds, and the imposition of financial accounting and regulatory
3 requirements.

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

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

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

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

14 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
15 House of Representatives no later than January 29, 2018, and said commission shall expire on
16 March 29, 2018.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION
CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXAMINE PROCEDURE AND
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- 1 This resolution would create an eleven (11) member special legislative commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of all aspects pertaining to the
- 3 creation of a Rhode Island Scholarship Fund, and who would report back to the Speaker of the
- 4 House no later than January 29, 2018, and whose life would expire on March 29, 2018.

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