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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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

**CREATING A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO STUDY PUBLIC TELEVISION IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, E Coderre, and M Rice

Date Introduced: January 12, 2010

Referred To: House Constituent Services

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of eleven (11) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the House of
3 Representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the
4 Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of the Rhode Island State
5 Council on the Arts, or designee; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of the Rhode
6 Island Film & TV Office, or designee; one of whom shall be the Commissioner of Elementary
7 and Secondary Education, or designee; one of whom shall be a member of the Film Media
8 Program at the University of Rhode Island, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; one of
9 whom shall be a member of the Film Studies Program at Rhode Island College, to be appointed
10 by the Speaker of the House; one of whom shall be an independent film or television producer
11 experienced with state and national public television programs and practices, to be appointed by
12 the Speaker of the House; and two (2) of whom shall be members of the general public, to be
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House.

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 which
18 is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

1 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of public
2 television in the State of Rhode Island and shall include:

3 An analysis and recommendations regarding the content of public television in Rhode
4 Island and the extent to which it is distinctly different from that provided by easily accessible
5 public television stations from neighboring states, with particular emphasis on opportunities to
6 showcase the cultural and community assets of our state, and options to provide greater access to
7 public information and educational programming that is different than that available from
8 neighboring states.

9 In addition, the study shall include an analysis and recommendations to improve the
10 process that guides partnerships and collaboration within and between Rhode Island's public and
11 private agencies and producers of film and television content.

12 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
13 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson from among the
14 legislators.

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

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

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

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

22 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
23 House of Representatives no later than April 29, 2010, and said commission shall expire on June
24 30, 2010.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION
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- 1 This resolution would create an eleven (11) member special legislative study commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of public television in the State of
- 3 Rhode Island, and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later than April 29,
- 4 2010, and whose life would expire on June 30, 2010.

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