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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO PROVIDE
DIRECTION AND PROPOSALS FOR LEGISLATION, METRICS, AND PROGRESS IN
REDUCING RACIAL DISPARITY IN INCARCERATION

Introduced By: Senators Mack, Britto, Acosta, Euer, McKenney, Kallman, LaMountain,
Bell, and Gu

Date Introduced: March 07, 2023

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not
2 otherwise appropriated for fiscal year 2023-2024, a sum sufficient to establish a commission
3 composed of persons from diverse racial backgrounds and cultures and who were formerly
4 incarcerated in the State of Rhode Island. The purpose of this commission shall be to provide
5 direction and proposals for legislation, metrics, and progress in reducing racial disparity in the
6 number of individuals who are subject to incarceration in this state, including, but not limited to,
7 those persons incarcerated by the department of correction. The state controller is hereby
8 authorized and directed to draw orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or
9 so much thereof as maybe from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated
10 vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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