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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL SENATE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RI CORPORATION  
AND PARTNERSHIP ACTS

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, and Lynch

Date Introduced: June 28, 2011

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           RESOLVED, A special Senate commission is hereby created consisting of nine (9)  
2 members: three (3) of whom shall be from the Senate, not more than two (2) of whom shall be  
3 from the same political party, to be appointed by the Senate President; one of whom shall be the  
4 Secretary of State, or his designee; one of whom shall be from the RI Bar Association, to be  
5 appointed by the Senate President; one of whom shall be a Certified Public Accountant, licensed  
6 in RI, to be appointed by the Senate President; one of whom shall be the Presiding Justice of the  
7 Superior Court, or his or her designee; and two (2) representatives of businesses in RI, one of  
8 whom shall be from a company with less than one hundred (100) employees, to be appointed by  
9 the Senate President, and one of whom shall be from a company with greater than one hundred  
10 (100) employees, to be appointed by the Senate President.

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

17           The purpose of the commission shall be to: (1) Study the state's business laws,  
18 comparing and contrasting RI's laws with the laws of other states, and (2) Recommend the

1 adoption of best practices, to make the state more business friendly.

2           Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
3 the call of the Senate President and organize and shall select from among the senators a  
4 Chairperson. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original  
5 appointment.

6           The membership shall receive no compensation for their services.

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

10           The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide  
11 suitable support, assistance, and quarters for the commission; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
13 Senate on or before January 3, 2012, and the commission shall expire on May 1, 2012.

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