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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO  
ESTABLISH PERFORMANCE AND OUTCOME MEASURES FOR ITS DEPARTMENTS  
AND DIRECTORS

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Miller, Cool Rumsey, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: June 20, 2014

Referred To: Placed on Senate Calendar

1           WHEREAS, The departments overseen by the Executive Office of Health and Human  
2 Services (EOHHS) respond to the needs of the most vulnerable Rhode Islanders. The  
3 circumstances confronting the departments and their directors change often, and their success  
4 calls for continuous planning, assessment, and openness to change; and

5           WHEREAS, Central to the departments' ability to meet the evolving needs of Rhode  
6 Islanders is their capacity to use information strategically, and at multiple levels; and

7           WHEREAS, A commitment to improving the departments' operations does not happen  
8 by chance, but through thoughtful deliberations and intentional actions; now, therefore be it

9           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
10 hereby respectfully requests that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services create a  
11 health and human service system performance improvement task force with the goal of  
12 establishing performance measures, expectations, and outcomes for the departments EOHHS  
13 oversees. In its work, the task force should include identifying methods to hold specific directors  
14 accountable for meeting performance and outcome measures and expectations; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby respectfully requests that the task force submit a  
16 written report on recommended performance measures, outcomes, and processes to the General  
17 Assembly on or before March 1, 2015; and be it further

18           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit duly certified copies of this legislation to the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health

- 1 and Human Services, and to all directors of offices overseen by the Executive Office of Health
- 2 and Human Services.

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