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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO UNDERTAKE A
COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION
LEGISLATION IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, Gallo, DiPalma, and Tassoni

Date Introduced: February 28, 2012

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of thirteen (13) members: one of whom shall be the Senate President, or designee; one
3 of whom shall be the Presiding Justice of the Rhode Island Superior Court, or designee; one of
4 whom shall be the Chief Judge of the Rhode Island District Court, or designee; one of whom shall
5 be the Chief Judge of the Rhode Island Family Court, or designee; one of whom shall be the
6 Rhode Island Attorney General, or designee; one of whom shall be the Commissioner of Public
7 Safety, or designee; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island Department of
8 Children, Youth & Families, or designee; one of whom shall be the Director of the Rhode Island
9 Department of Corrections, or designee; one of whom shall be the Chairperson of the Rhode
10 Island Parole Board, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island Police
11 Chiefs Association, or designee; one of whom shall be the Rhode Island Public Defender, or
12 designee; one of whom shall be a member of the Rhode Island Bar with expertise in constitutional
13 and sexual registration law, to be appointed by the President of the Rhode Island Bar; and one of
14 whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island Association of Defense Lawyers, or designee.

15 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of all aspects
16 and implications related to the enactment of sex offender registration and notification legislation
17 and to make recommendations to the Senate. This study commission shall specifically consider,
18 but is not limited to, the following: The legality, specifically the Constitutional concerns under

1 the Rhode Island and United States Constitutions, fiscal ramifications, and logistical concerns of
2 adopting and implementing the Federal laws concerning the Sex Offender Registration and
3 Notification Act (SORNA), codified as Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety
4 Act of P.L. (109-248), 42 U.S.C. §16911 et. Seq. as amended. The study commission is also
5 authorized to study and recommend amendments, new enactments, or deletions to any previously
6 enacted laws relating to sex offenders.

7 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
8 the call of the Senate President, whom shall serve as commission Chairperson.

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

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

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

14 The Joint Committee on Legislative Services is hereby authorized and directed to provide
15 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
17 Senate no later than April 2, 2013, and said commission shall expire on July 30, 2013.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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