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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY WHY RHODE ISLAND
IS ONE OF FOUR STATES NOT PROVIDING DATA TO THE NATIONAL INSTANT
CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS SYSTEM INDEX**

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Chippendale, Costa, Trillo, and Giarrusso

Date Introduced: February 06, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same hereby is created
2 consisting of five (5) members: all of whom shall be members of the House of Representatives,
3 not more than three (3) of whom shall be from the same political party, to be appointed by the
4 Speaker.

5 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
6 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
7 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
8 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which
9 is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

10 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study as to why
11 Rhode Island is one of four states not providing any data to the National Instant Criminal
12 Background Checks System Index (NICS). This information plays a critical role in determining
13 who is permitted to purchase firearms.

14 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
15 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize, and shall select a chairperson.

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

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

18 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,

1 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
2 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

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

5 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
6 House of Representatives no later than January 30, 2014, and said commission shall expire on
7 April 30, 2014.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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1 This resolution would create a five (5) member special legislative study commission
2 whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study as to why Rhode Island is one of four
3 states not providing any data to the National Instant Criminal Background Checks System Index
4 (NICS), and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later than January 30,
5 2014, and whose life would expire on April 30, 2014.

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