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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2009

HOUSE RESOLUTION

RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION TO CREATE A STUDY COMMISSION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVISING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT INFORMATION
SYSTEM

Introduced By: Representative Timothy A. Williamson

Date Introduced: June 26, 2009

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The legislature hereby finds and declares that there is a need for real-time
2 student data from school districts, regional school districts, state schools and charter schools in
3 Rhode Island to track absenteeism, especially in the event of a public health emergency, duplicate
4 registrations, timely enrollment information, and transfers within school districts in the state; and

5 WHEREAS, The legislature further declares that such statewide student information
6 systems have been implemented in other states, using technological advances available for the
7 integration of individual school districts' student data to meet state, district, school and classroom
8 level reporting requirements; and

9 WHEREAS, The legislature further declares that such a statewide student information
10 system should provide standardization and efficiencies in operation; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That for the purpose of the establishment of a statewide information
12 system, the legislature declares that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will
13 establish a study commission to investigate the technologically available options for the statewide
14 procurement of a single statewide system. This advisory commission shall be comprised of seven
15 (7) members as follows: one of whom shall be the Commissioner of the Department of
16 Elementary and Secondary Education, or his/her designee; one of whom shall be the Executive
17 Director of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees, or his/her designee; one of
18 whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island Association of School Business Officials, or

1 his/her designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island School Superintendents'
2 Association, or his/her designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Rhode Island Society
3 of Technology Educators (RISTE), or his/her designee; one of whom shall be a member of the
4 House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and one of whom shall be
5 a member of the business community to be appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of
6 Elementary and Secondary Education; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, The Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary
8 Education shall have the authority to appoint the commission members from the business
9 community. The commission shall report its findings in a report by September 30, 2010 to the
10 Commissioner. Said recommendations shall be advisory in nature and may be adopted by the
11 Commissioner in part or in whole; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives respectfully requests that the
13 Commissioner for the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education report
14 back the commission's findings and its recommendations to the House of Representatives on or
15 before December 31, 2010; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Rhode Island
18 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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