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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006

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

**CREATING A SPECIAL HOUSE COMMISSION TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP A
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CORD BLOOD PROGRAM/BANK FOR THE FUTURE OF
DISEASE MANAGEMENT IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Crowley, Church, Rice, and Almeida

Date Introduced: March 21, 2006

Referred To: House read and passed

1 RESOLVED, That a special house commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of seven (7) members: one of whom shall be a member of the House of
3 Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker; one of whom shall be the President of the
4 Rhode Island Blood Center, or designee; one of whom shall be the President of the Hospital
5 Association of Rhode Island, or designee; one of whom shall be the Chairman of Medicine of the
6 Brown University Medical School, or designee; one of whom shall be the Executive Director of
7 the Rhode Island Medical Society, or designee; one of whom shall be the Chief Executive Officer
8 of the Quality Partners of Rhode Island, or designee; and one of whom shall be the Director of the
9 Rhode Island Department of Health, or designee.

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

16 The purpose of said commission shall be to develop recommendations for the
17 establishment of the first national cord blood program in the country which will include assisting
18 the Rhode Island Blood Center to:

19 (1) Develop its already sophisticated method of blood testing, collecting and transfusion,

1 which includes the Therapeutic Apheresis Program, red cell collection and exchange programs
2 for end stage leukemia and cancer patients;

3 (2) Collaborate with academic medical centers and private research facilities throughout
4 New England and the nation;

5 (3) Use Hematopoietic and progenitor cell therapies in an ethical manner in order to
6 influence the future of disease management, the uses of which are expected to multiply in the
7 years to come; and

8 (4) Ensure that all patients, especially the profoundly affected minority community, and
9 hospitals in Rhode Island will have a safe and available supply of blood products and cellular
10 therapies as part of their medical care and be educated about the aforementioned.

11 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
12 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select a chairperson. Vacancies in said
13 commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

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

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

18 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters
19 for said commission; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
21 House of Representatives on or before June 28, 2007 and said commission shall expire on June
22 28, 2009.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This resolution would create a seven (7) member special legislative commission whose
2 purpose it would be to develop recommendations for the establishment of the first national public
3 cord blood program in the country which will include assisting the Rhode Island Blood Center,
4 and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later than June 28, 2007 and
5 whose life would expire on June 28, 2009.

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