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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, DaPonte, Sheehan, and Bates

Date Introduced: April 04, 2006

Referred To: Senate Constitutional & Gaming Issues

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 42 of the General Laws entitled "STATE AFFAIRS AND
2 GOVERNMENT" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 140

4 THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND COMMISSION FOR RESEARCH INNOVATION

5 **42-140-1. Commission established.** – There shall be a University of Rhode Island
6 Commission for Research and Innovation ("Commission") to consist of nine (9) members: two
7 (2) of whom shall be appointed by the governor, with one of those so appointed to be designated
8 by the governor as chair; one of whom shall be appointed by the board of governor's for higher
9 education; one of whom shall be appointed by the president of the University of Rhode Island;
10 three (3) of whom shall be members of the science and technology advisory council as
11 established by executive order 05-07; one of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house
12 of representatives; and one of whom shall be appointed by the president of the senate. The
13 membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

14 **42-140-2. Mission and term of commission.** – The commission shall have as its mission
15 the proposal of specific actions to strengthen the position of the University of Rhode Island as a
16 national competitive public research university and a key institution in Rhode Island's effort to
17 strengthen its innovative economy. The commission shall expire on September 30, 2008.

18 **42-140-3. Authority to accept grants.** – The commission is authorized to accept state
19 grants and appropriations, and private monies, for its operational purposes.

1 **42-140-4. Reporting.** – The commission shall, prior to its expiration, submit a written
2 report to the governor and to each chamber of the general assembly detailing its findings and
3 proposals as required by its mission.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would create the University of Rhode Island Commission for Innovation.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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