



Governor's Commission on Disabilities Legislation Committee

Monday July 9, 2007 3 – 4:30 PM

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Attendees:	Kate McCarthy-Barnett (Vice Chair); Sharon Brinkworth; Linda Deschenes; Elaina Goldstein; & Arthur M. Plitt
Excused:	Timothy Flynn (Chair); Jeanne Behie; Paul Choquette; Raymond Bandusky; Rosemary C. Carmody; Deborah Garneau; Liberty Goodwin; William R. Inlow; Dianne Kayala; Ken Pariseau; Paula Parker; ; Gwendolyn Reeve; Rev. Gerard O. Sabourin; Janet Spinelli; & Michael Spoerri
Guests:	Penny Ferrera (NAMI), Linda Ward (Opportunities Unlimited)

----- Minutes -----

Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes	Tim Flynn Chairperson	5 min.
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Introductions:

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented AP/LD passed unanimously

Action Items:	Discussion Leader:	Time:
1. Planning the Public Forums	Bob Cooper	60 min.

	Items accomplished – Forums Confirmed at:	Contact Person:
1.	Monday July 23, 2007, 3:30 PM- 5:30 PM Independence Square II, Independence Way, Kingston (on Route 138, just west of the URI Campus) – Rhodes to Independence/College of Pharmacy, URI	Elaina Goldstein
2.	Thursday July 26, 2007, 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM , Warwick Public Library, Community Room, 600 Sandy Lane, Warwick – OSCIL	Lorna Ricci
3.	Friday July 27, 2007, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM , RI Department of Health, Health Policy Forum (basement), Three Capitol Hill, Providence	Kate McCarthy-Barnett
4.	PARI Hosting Northern RI Forum either Tuesday or Wednesday	Leo Canuel
5.	Commission on the Deaf & Hard of Hearing will provide Interpreters	Curtiss James
6.	Office of Rehabilitation Services will pay for CART	Linda Deschenes

	Items to be accomplished	Person responsible:	Deadline:
7.	Forum Host /Location in Bristol	Sharon Brinkworth	07/11

8.	Forum Host / Location in Newport	Linda Ward	7/11/07
9.	Place advertisements for the forums	Bob Cooper	7/11/07
10.	Secure CART Recorders for all forums	Bob Cooper	7/12/07
11.	Compile and print Forum Handout Material	GCD Staff/Fellow	7/18/07
12.	Send invitations to local & state elected officials	Bob Cooper	7/12/07
13.	Send press releases to the local media	Bob Cooper	7/13/07
14.	Secure several panelists for each forum	Bob Cooper	7/17/07
15.	Compile list of panelists for each forum & email to hosts	GCD Staff/Fellow	7/18/07
16.	Arranged staff for each forum	Bob Cooper	7/18/07
17.	Provide Hosts with packet containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of panelists & name cards • 2 Forum Banner for posting (outside main entrance & outside room) – at least 48 hours prior to the forum • Directional signs from entrance to room • 3 Sign in sheets • Checklist/Guidance • Reminder • 30+ copies of Forum Handout 	Bob Cooper	7/19/07
	On the Day of each Forum:		
18.	Bring & set up Assistive Listening System and return it to office	GCD Staff/Fellow	
19.	Collect sign in sheets	GCD Staff/Fellow	
Questions on Reports			20 min.
Report on Commission's Legislative Package Status			

Commission Supported these bills - 13

Effective without Governor's signature

07 H-5371 Sub B AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS Sponsor: Rep. Coderre Identical to S 0553 Public Law 2007 Chapter -163

Effective without Governor's signature: 1

Transmitted to Governor

07 S-0553 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS Sponsor: Sen. Walaska Identical to H 5371
07 S-0142 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS Sponsor: Sen. Ciccone

Transmitted to Governor: 2

Passed, held on Senate Desk

07 S-0086 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Sponsor: Sen. Blais Identical to H 5191

Passed, held on desk: 1

Hearing Continued

07 H-5290 AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY GOVERNMENTAL TORT LIABILITY - DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL Sponsor: Rep. Mumford Identical to S 0330 House Judiciary Committee

07 H-5313 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM Sponsor: Rep. Ginaitt Identical to S0597 House Finance Committee
07 H-5613 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - RHODE ISLAND HOUSING AND MORTGAGE FINANCE Sponsor: Rep. Naughton House Finance Committee
07 S-0266 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES Sponsor: Sen. Levesque House Municipal Government Committee

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In Committee, Never Had a Hearing

07 S-0127 AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS ACT Sponsor: Sen. Ciccone Senate Finance Committee
07 S-0128 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY Sponsor: Sen. Blais Senate Finance Committee
07 H-5191 AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT Sponsor: Rep. McNamara Identical to S 0086 House Finance Committee
07 S-0597 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM Sponsor: Sen. Sosnowski Identical to H 5313 Senate Finance Committee
07 S-0330 AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - PROCEDURE GENERALLY GOVERNMENTAL TORT LIABILITY - DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL Sponsor: Sen. Lenihan Identical to H 5290 House Judiciary Committee

In Committee: 5

Commission Opposed this bill unless it's amended - 1

Signed by Governor

07 H-6187 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PHARMACEUTICALS Sponsor: Rep. Mumford Sub A identical of Art. 17 Sub A. Public Law 2007 Chapter -230

Signed by Governor: 1

Legislation Committee found these bills Beneficial- 24

Signed by Governor

07 H-5770 Sub B AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ELDERLY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT Sponsor: Rep. Singleton Identical to S 0442 Public Law 2007 Chapter -084
07 S-0253 Sub B as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM Sponsor: Sen. Perry Identical to H 6278 Public Law 2007 Chapter -128
07 S-0442 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - ELDERLY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT Sponsor: Sen. June M. Gibbs Identical to H 5770 Public Law 2007 Chapter -209
07 H-6278 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM Sponsor: Rep. Sullivan Identical to S 253 Public Law 2007 Chapter -
07 S-0186 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY Sponsor: Sen. Raptakis Public Law 2007 Chapter -241
07 S-0923 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION Sponsor: Sen. Paiva-Weed Similar to H 6279 Public Law 2007 Chapter -237
07 S-1016 AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MATCHING PUBLIC FUNDS Sponsor: Sen. Walaska Identical to H 5969 Public Law 2007 Chapter -235
07 H-5969 AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MATCHING PUBLIC FUNDS Sponsor: Rep. Handy Identical to S 1016 Public Law 2007 Chapter -223
07 H-6279 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION Sponsor: Rep. Mumford, Similar to S 923 Public Law 2007 Chapter -229

Signed by Governor: 9

Effective without Governor's signature

07 H-5200 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ORTHOTIC AND PROSTHETIC SERVICES Sponsor: Rep. Giannini Identical to S 0062 Public Law 2007 Chapter -035

Effective without Governor's signature: 1

Vetoed by Governor

07 S-1060 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY Sponsor: Sen. Connors Identical to H 6471 Senate Desk
07 H-6471 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC TRANSIT

AUTHORITY Sponsor: Rep. Pacheco Identical to S 1060 House Desk

Vetoed by Governor: 2

Transmitted to Governor

07 S-0455 Sub A as Amended AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - HEALTH CARE FOR FAMILIES Sponsor: Sen. Perry Governor's Office

Transmitted to Governor: 1

Hearing Continued

07 H-5178 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS Sponsor: Rep. Lewiss House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

07 H-5203 AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE - SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY Sponsor: Rep. Lally Identical to S 0193 House Finance Committee

07 H-5738 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE Sponsor: Rep. Ajello Identical to S 0325 House Corporations Committee

07 S-0325 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- COVERAGE FOR MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE Sponsor: Sen. Perry Identical to H 5738 Senate Health and Human Services Committee

07 H-5509 AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PROTECTION ACT Sponsor: Rep. Segal Identical to S 0484 House Judiciary Committee

07 H-6366 AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT Sponsor: Rep. Slater Identical to S 949 House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

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In Committee, Never Had a Hearing

07 S-0062 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ORTHOTIC AND PROSTHETIC SERVICES Sponsor: Sen. Ciccone Identical to H 5200 Senate Health and Human Services Committee

07 S-0949 AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - CONFIDENTIALITY OF HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ACT Sponsor: Sen. Gibbs Identical to H 6366 Senate Judiciary Committee

07 S-0484 AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT Sponsor: Sen. Metts Identical to H 5509 Senate Judiciary Committee

07 H-5294 AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION Sponsor: Rep. Almeida Senate Judiciary Committee

07 S-0193 AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY - SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY Sponsor: Sen. McCaffrey Identical to H 5203 House Finance Committee

In Committee: 5

Legislation Committee found these bills Harmful - 17

Resolution Adopted

07 H-5500 Sub B JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF MANDATES ON RHODE ISLAND'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS Sponsor: Rep. Church Identical to S 0361 Joint Resolution 2007 -

Resolution Adopted: 1

Transmitted to Governor

07 S-0361 Sub A as Amended JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF MANDATES ON RHODE ISLAND'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS Sponsor: Sen. Tassoni Identical to H 5500 Governor's Office

Transmitted to Governor: 1

Recommend No Passage

07 H-5649 AN ACT RELATING TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM Sponsor: Rep. Picard Related to H 5887, & H 6026, S 0037, & S 0036 House Desk

07 H-6026 AN ACT TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM Sponsor: Rep. Gorham Related to H 5887, H 5649, S 0036 & S 0037 House Desk

Recommended No Passage: 2

In Committee, Never Heard

07 S-0036 AN ACT RELATING TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM Sponsor: Sen. Cote Related to S 0037, H 5887, H 5649, & H 6026 Senate Constitutional and Regulatory Issues Committee

07 S-0037 JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE (INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM) Sponsor: Sen. Cote Related to H 5887, H 5649, & H 6026 & S 0036 Senate Constitutional and Regulatory Issues Committee

07 S-0088 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE Sponsor: Sen. Blais Identical to H 5553 Senate Health and Human Services Committee

07 H-5857 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH CARE FACILITIES -- HANDICAPPED ACCESS Sponsor: Rep. Ucci House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

06 H-6070 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS Sponsor: Rep. Dennigan Identical to S 341 House Judiciary Committee

07 H-6076 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS Sponsor: Rep. Dennigan House Judiciary Committee

07 H-5242 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS Sponsor: Rep. Rose Similar to H 5451 & H 5662 Senate Judiciary Committee

In Committee: 7

Hearing Continued

07 H-5553 AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- MANDATED BENEFITS REVIEW ACT Sponsor: Rep. Mernard Identical to S 0088 House Corporations Committee

07 H-5887 AN ACT RELATING TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM Sponsor: Rep. Gorham Related to H 5649, H 6026, S 0036 & S 0037 House Judiciary Committee

07 H-5662 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - - MANDATES Sponsor: Rep. Corvese Similar to H 5242 & H 5451 House Health, Education, & Welfare Committee

07 S-0225 JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE AFFECTS OF UNFUNDED MANDATES ON THE EDUCATION AND FINANCING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND Sponsor: Sen. Raptakis Similar to S 361 & H 5500 Senate Constitutional and Regulatory Issues Committee

07 S-0341 AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS Sponsor: Sen. Lenihan Identical to H 6070 Senate Judiciary Committee

07 H-5451 AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS Sponsor: Rep. Loughlin Similar to H 5242 & H 5662 House Finance Committee

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Legislation Committee found these bills Beneficial if amended- 5

In Committee

07 S-0572 AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING RESOURCES - NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM Sponsor: Sen. Pichardo Identical to H 5723 Senate Finance Committee

07 H-5723 AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING RESOURCES - NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM Sponsor: Rep. Fox Identical to S 0572 House Finance Committee

In Committee: 2

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07 H-5140 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES Sponsor: Rep. Naughton House Finance Committee

07 H-5350 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- CANCER SCREENING Sponsor: Rep. Naughton Identical to S 0166 House Finance Committee

07 H-0166 AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- BREAST CANCER ACT Sponsor: Sen. Pichardo Identical to H 5350 Senate Finance Committee

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Legislation Committee found these Budget Articles Harmful unless amended- 4

Effective Notwithstanding the Governor's Veto

07 H-5300 Art. 03 NEW Sub A as Amended AN ARTICLE RELATING TO GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION Sponsor: House Finance Committee Public Law 2007 Chapter - 076

07 H-5300 Art. 06 Sub A as Amended AN ARTICLE RELATING TO MAKING REVISED APPROPRIATION IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE FY 2007 Sponsor: Rep. Watson Public Law 2007 Chapter - 076

07 H-5300 Art. 14 NEW Sub A as Amended AN ARTICLE RELATING TO MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM Sponsor: House Finance Cmte Public Law 2007

Chapter - 076

07 H-5300 Art. 17 Sub A AN ARTICLE RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES - PHARMACEUTICALS

Sponsor: Rep. Watson Identical to H 6187 Sub A. Public Law 2007 Chapter - 076

Effective Notwithstanding

The Commission Position: Neutral now that these have been amended - 2

Signed by Governor

07 H-5267 Sub B AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DISABLED VETERANS

Sponsor: Rep. Carter Identical to S-0307 Public Law 2007 Chapter -135

07 S-0307 Sub A AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DISABLED VETERANS

Sponsor: Sen. Felag Identical to H 5267 Public Law 2007 Chapter -214

Total of GCD Bills Neutral now that it has been amended - Signed by Governor: 2

Announcements and Scheduling of Meetings	Chairperson	5 min.
The next meeting will be to establish working groups to review the forum transcripts		
Next meeting will be on:	Monday September 10, 2007	Starting at: 3 PM
Adjournment:	Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:15 PM	

Other Information

Resource persons:	Bob Cooper, Committee Staff & Matthew Irving, GCD Fellow
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