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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION

Introduced By: Representatives O'Brien, and Marshall

Date Introduced: June 26, 2013

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 16 of the General Laws entitled "EDUCATION" is hereby amended  
2 by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 100

4 DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT

5 **16-100-1. Short title.** -- This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Dual  
6 Enrollment Equal Opportunity Act."

7 **16-100-2. Definition.**--"Dual Enrollment" means that a student is enrolled in a secondary  
8 school while simultaneously enrolled part-time or full-time at a local institution of higher  
9 learning, such as a community college or university."

10 **16-100-3. Policy implemented.** – (a) The Board of Education shall prescribe by  
11 regulation a statewide dual enrollment policy that shall allow students to enroll in courses at  
12 postsecondary institutions to satisfy academic credit requirements in both high school and the  
13 aforementioned postsecondary institutions. The regulations shall address the postsecondary  
14 institution's graduation requirements, if any; the institution's ability to award degrees/certificates  
15 in Rhode Island; the minimum course grade to receive credit at the student's secondary school;  
16 and any other criteria that the Board deems appropriate.

17 (b) The board shall convene a workgroup, including, but not limited to, representatives  
18 from the department of elementary and secondary education, the office of higher education,  
19 superintendents, school committees, public higher education institutions, guidance counselors,

1 and teachers. The purpose of the workgroup is to consider and advise the board as to a dual  
2 enrollment policy and its possible effect on school funding pursuant to section 16-7.2, academic  
3 supports, transportation, possible shared costs of the education, possible fee schedules, manners  
4 in which low-income students could access the program and, possible contracted tuition costs  
5 with our public higher education institutions.

6 **16-100-4. Dual enrollment adoption. --** School districts and schools must adopt the  
7 statewide dual enrollment policy promulgated pursuant to this section by June 30, 2015. All  
8 school districts, charter schools, career and technical schools, approved private day or residential  
9 schools and collaborative schools shall be subject to the requirements of this section.

10 **16-100-5. Reporting. --** School districts that have students participating in dual  
11 enrollment programs shall report to the department of elementary and secondary education on an  
12 annual basis regarding the number of students, the number of credits enrolled in at postsecondary  
13 institutions, the name of the institution, and the dollar amount the school district is allocated for  
14 this program. The department of elementary and secondary education shall provide the governor,  
15 president of the senate and speaker of the house a report that shall contain the above information  
16 provided by district and in the aggregate on an annual basis by October 31 of each year,  
17 commencing on July 1, 2016.

18 SECTION 2: This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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