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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM

Introduced By: Representatives Ranglin-Vassell, Regunberg, Williams, Donovan, and  
Messier

Date Introduced: March 16, 2018

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-22 of the General Laws entitled "Curriculum [See Title 16  
2 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto  
3 the following section:

4 **16-22-29. The STEM Act.**

5 (a) The legislature finds that the study of science, technology, engineering and  
6 mathematics (STEM) is a priority in today's current technologically-advancing society, and  
7 further finds that there are educational institutions that are not adequately funded to provide the  
8 necessary training for STEM education.

9 (b) Every public secondary school teaching course in science, technology, engineering  
10 and math shall provide operating science laboratories which shall include, but not be limited to,  
11 working science lab equipment, computers, fume hoods, water, gas, Bunsen burners and other  
12 equipment necessary for students to further their STEM education.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require all public secondary schools to provide a working science
- 2   laboratory for all students studying science, technology, engineering or mathematics.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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