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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

JOINT RESOLUTION

APPROPRIATING SUFFICIENT SUMS TO PAY ONE-HALF THE COSTS OF TEACHERS
IN OBTAINING AN INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION ("IDA") ALIGNED
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DYSLEXIA KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Crowley, Calkin, Goldin, and Gallo

Date Introduced: February 15, 2018

Referred To: Senate Finance

1 RESOLVED, That the general assembly shall appropriate out of any money in the
2 treasury not otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2017-2018, and annually thereafter, such
3 sums as are necessary to partially reimburse public school districts who send their qualified,
4 certified teaching staff within this state to obtain a graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and
5 practice as designed and implemented by the University of Rhode Island and aligned with the
6 International Dyslexia Association (IDA) Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of
7 Reading. These reimbursements shall be distributed through the Rhode Island department of
8 elementary and secondary education (the "department"). A school district seeking such
9 reimbursement shall first submit documentation to the department indicating the credentials of the
10 teacher proposed to be sent for the certificate. The department shall determine whether the
11 teacher is an elementary teacher who would be providing dyslexia-targeted assistance under the
12 literacy program pursuant to §16-67-2. If approved by the department, a teacher may attend the
13 IDA aligned program. Upon completion of the program and the attainment of the certificate by
14 the teacher, the school district shall submit the appropriate application to the department
15 documenting the costs of attaining the certificate. If the department finds the application and the
16 provisions of this resolution have been complied with, the department shall reimburse school
17 districts one-half of the tuition costs for obtaining the certificate, in an amount not to exceed three
18 thousand, nine hundred thirty dollars (\$3,930). The commissioner of elementary and secondary
19 education is hereby authorized and directed to draw orders upon the general treasurer for the

- 1 payment of said sums, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of
- 2 properly authenticated vouchers.

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