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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**J O I N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

**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: Representatives McEntee, O'Brien, Donovan, Amore, and Craven

Date Introduced: February 14, 2019

Referred To: House Finance

1           RESOLVED, That the general assembly shall appropriate out of any money in the  
2 treasury for the fiscal year 2019-2020, and annually thereafter, such sums as are necessary to  
3 partially reimburse public school districts who send their qualified, certified teaching staff within  
4 this state to obtain a graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice as designed and  
5 implemented by the University of Rhode Island and aligned with the International Dyslexia  
6 Association (IDA) Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading. These  
7 reimbursements shall be distributed through the Rhode Island department of elementary and  
8 secondary education (the "department"). A school district seeking such reimbursement shall first  
9 submit documentation to the department indicating the credentials of the teacher proposed to be  
10 sent for the certificate. The department shall determine whether the teacher is an elementary  
11 teacher who would be providing dyslexia-targeted assistance under the literacy program pursuant  
12 to §16-67-2. If approved by the department, a teacher may attend the IDA aligned program. Upon  
13 completion of the program and the attainment of the certificate by the teacher, the school district  
14 shall submit the appropriate application to the department documenting the costs of attaining the  
15 certificate. If the department finds the application and the provisions of this resolution have been  
16 complied with, the department shall reimburse school districts one-half of the tuition costs for  
17 obtaining the certificate, in an amount not to exceed three thousand, nine hundred thirty dollars  
18 (\$3,930). The commissioner of elementary and secondary education is hereby authorized and  
19 directed to draw orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sums, or so much

1 thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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