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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL-TO-CAREER TRANSITION  
ACT OF 1996

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Metts, DiPalma, Seveney, and Satchell

Date Introduced: February 27, 2020

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-80 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island School-to-Career  
2 Transition Act of 1996" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-80-4.1. Individual career and academic plan for grades six through twelve (6-12).**

4 (a) As used in this section, "individual career and academic plan (ICAP)" means an  
5 individualized plan developed by the student and the student's parent or legal guardian, in  
6 collaboration with their school counselors, school administrators, teachers and other school  
7 personnel. This individualized career and academic plan is to be used to help establish personalized  
8 academic and career goals, explore postsecondary career and opportunities, including, but not  
9 limited to, military careers, apprenticeship programs, career and technology programs leading to  
10 certification or licensure, and educational opportunities, align coursework and curriculum, apply to  
11 postsecondary institutions, secure financial aid and ultimately enter the workforce.

12 (b) The board of education (the "board") shall adopt a new statewide system of college and  
13 career planning tools, which shall be known as the "individual career and academic plan (ICAP)".

14 (c) The board shall work cooperatively with school districts to incorporate the ICAP into  
15 graduation requirements.

16 (1) Beginning with students entering the sixth grade in the 2023-2024 school year, each  
17 student shall be required to complete the process of an ICAP in order to graduate from a public  
18 high school with a standard diploma. Each year thereafter, students shall annually update their

- 1 ICAP. The ICAP shall include, but not be limited to:
- 2 (i) Career- and college-interest surveys;
- 3 (ii) Written postsecondary and workforce goals and information on progress toward these
- 4 goals;
- 5 (iii) Intentional sequence of courses that reflect progress toward the postsecondary goals;
- 6 (iv) The student's academic progress, including courses taken, assessment scores, any
- 7 remediation or credit recovery and any advanced placement, dual enrollment credits earned and/or
- 8 career certificate(s), certification(s), or endorsements; and
- 9 (v) Experience in service learning and/or work environment activities.
- 10 (2) The ICAP system shall be implemented according to the following schedule:
- 11 (i) For the 2021-2022 school year, the department of elementary and secondary education
- 12 (the "department") shall work with, but not limited to, school districts, the office of postsecondary
- 13 education, and the department of labor and training, to develop individual career academic planning
- 14 tools for students in grades six through twelve (6-12);
- 15 (ii) For the 2022-2023 school year, the department shall incorporate the ICAP as set forth
- 16 in subsection (c)(1) of this section, on a pilot program basis; and
- 17 (iii) For the 2023-2024 school year, and each school year thereafter, school districts shall
- 18 fully incorporate and put into operation the ICAP, pursuant to this section, for all students entering
- 19 the sixth grade.
- 20 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a district from implementing the
- 21 ICAP for students in earlier grades.
- 22 (4) ICAPs for students with disabilities, as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities
- 23 Education Act (IDEA), P.L. No. 105-17, shall take into account and work in cooperation with the
- 24 student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan as defined by the
- 25 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, P.L. No. 93-112.

26 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

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1           This act would implement an individual career and academic plan as a graduation  
2 requirement for each student enrolled in public schools in the sixth through twelfth grade, starting  
3 with students entering the sixth grade in the 2023-2024 school year.

4           This act would take effect on January 1, 2021.

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