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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Satchell, Conley, Goldin, and Valverde

Date Introduced: February 27, 2020

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 28-12 of the General Laws entitled "Minimum Wages" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **28-12-3.3. Minimum wages for employees of developmental disabilities organizations.**

4 (a) Commencing October 1, 2020, every covered employer providing services to five (5)
5 or more persons with developmental disabilities, that are reimbursed for such services by the state,
6 shall pay to their employees, no less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour. For the purposes of this
7 section, covered employers are those developmental disability organizations licensed to provide
8 services pursuant to § 40.1-24-3.

9 (b) The state general revenues and federal funds appropriation(s) to the department of
10 behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities, and hospitals (BHDDH) for services for the
11 developmentally disabled shall increase to programs that provide services to adults with
12 developmental disabilities in order to fund the minimum wage increase provided for in this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require licensed employers providing services to at least five (5)
2 developmentally disabled persons that are reimbursed by the state, to pay employees no less than
3 fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour and would require the appropriation of additional funds to cover
4 the cost of the increase.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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