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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: February 10, 2021

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-64-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-64 entitled "Residence
2 of Children for School Purposes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~16-64-5. Children under care and control of state agency. Children under care and~~
4 ~~control of state agency - Transportation costs.~~

5 ~~In cases where the director of a Rhode Island state agency considers it likely that a child~~
6 ~~under his or her care and control will be subject to a short term placement or series of short term~~
7 ~~placements, the director may petition the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to~~
8 ~~designate the child's original city or town of residence as having continuing responsibility for the~~
9 ~~child's education. This designation shall be effective for period not greater than two (2) months~~
10 ~~unless an extension is granted by the commissioner.~~ In cases where the department of children,
11 youth and families has determined that it is in the child's best interest to remain in the school in
12 which the child is enrolled at the time of placement, the department of elementary and secondary
13 education and the department of children, youth and families shall each pay fifty percent (50%) of
14 the out-of-district transportation costs for the aforesaid child. Nothing contained in this section shall
15 be construed to prohibit any school system from providing transportation for the child without
16 charge. Disputes under this section ~~including disputes relating to transportation~~ shall be resolved
17 in accordance with § 16-64-6.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education and the
2 department of children, youth and families to each pay fifty percent (50%) of the out-of-district
3 transportation costs for children allowed to remain in the school where the child is enrolled at the
4 time of placement.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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