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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Introduced By: Representatives MacBeth, Tomasso, Menard, McLaughlin, and Schadone

Date Introduced: February 16, 2012

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 16-26-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-26 entitled "School for  
2 the Deaf" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **16-26-7. Persons admissible.** -- (a) All children of parents, or under the control of  
4 guardians or other persons, legal residents of this state, between the ages from birth to twenty-one  
5 (21) years, whose hearing or speech, or both, are impaired as to make it impracticable for this  
6 student to make progress toward his or her educational goals by attending the public schools may  
7 attend the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, without charge, under any rules and regulations as  
8 the board of regents for elementary and secondary education may establish.

9           (b) Deaf persons from birth to twenty-one (21) years, who are legal residents of the state,  
10 shall be entitled to the privilege of the school without charge, and for any period of time in each  
11 individual case as may be deemed appropriate by the board of regents for elementary and  
12 secondary education; residents of other states may be admitted upon the payment of any rates of  
13 board and tuition as may be fixed by the board.

14           (c) A school district of this state shall not be responsible for the cost of a student  
15 attending the Rhode Island school for the deaf, unless the individualized educational plan (IEP)  
16 team of that school district is responsible for the placement of that student at the Rhode Island  
17 school for the deaf.

- 1            [\(d\) This chapter shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of 20USC](#)  
2            [1400,34CFR, port 300.1 – 300D.818.](#)  
3            SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would provide that a school district of this state would not be responsible for the  
2 cost of a student attending the Rhode Island school for the deaf, unless the individualized  
3 educational plan (IEP) team of that school district is responsible for the placement of that student  
4 at the school.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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