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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Guthrie, Dickinson, and Edwards

Date Introduced: January 03, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-97 of the General Laws entitled "The Rhode Island Board of
2 Education Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-97-7. Delay of implementation. -- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter**
4 **16-97 or any other provisions of the general laws to the contrary, including, but not limited to, the**
5 **provisions of sections 16-97-1 through 16-97-6 inclusive, the establishment and implementation**
6 **of the Rhode Island board of education pursuant to section 16-97-1 as of January 1, 2013, shall be**
7 **delayed six (6) months and become effective as of July 1, 2013. Notwithstanding the provisions**
8 **of section 16-97-5, the abolishment of the board of regents for elementary and secondary**
9 **education and the board of governors for higher education shall be delayed six (6) months and**
10 **become effective as of July 1, 2013. The board of regents for elementary and secondary education**
11 **and the board of governors for higher education shall continue in full force and effect until said**
12 **date of July 1, 2013.**

13 **(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter 16-97 or any other provisions of the**
14 **general laws to the contrary, including, but not limited to, the provisions of sections 16-97-1, all**
15 **powers and duties of the board of regents for elementary and secondary education and the board**
16 **of governors for higher education shall remain with the respective boards until July 1, 2013.**

17 **(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter 16-97 or any other provisions of the**
18 **general laws to the contrary, including, but not limited to, the provisions of section 16-97-4, any**
19 **references to the board of regents for elementary and secondary education and/or the board of**

1 [governors for higher education in existing law shall continue in full force and effect until July 1,](#)
2 [2013.](#)

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 delay the establishment of the Rhode Island Board of Education until July
2 1, 2013. The Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of
3 Governors for Higher Education would remain in full force and effect until July 1, 2013.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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