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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY  
AND TOWN LIMITS

Introduced By: Representatives McLaughlin, Jacquard, and Hull

Date Introduced: January 24, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-21.1-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-21.1 entitled  
2 "Transportation of School Pupils Beyond City and Town Limits" is hereby amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 **16-21.1-3. Variances permitted.** -- (a) Variances to require a city or town to provide bus  
5 transportation to a pupil who attends a school, except a special education facility, outside the  
6 region in which the pupil resides shall be granted by the commissioner of elementary and  
7 secondary education if he or she finds that:

8 (1) There is no similar school within the region;

9 (2) The transportation is necessary to provide an educational opportunity which the pupil  
10 has a right to pursue; and

11 (3) The school building which the pupil attends is within fifteen (15) miles of the city or  
12 town of which the pupil is a resident.

13 (b) Variances to require a city or town to provide bus transportation to a pupil entitled to  
14 enrollment in a special education program, provided in ~~accord~~ accordance with regulations of the  
15 board of regents for elementary and secondary education, shall be granted by the commissioner of  
16 elementary and secondary education if he or she finds that the transportation is necessary in order  
17 that the pupil enroll in a special education facility located outside of the region and there is no  
18 similar facility within the region.

1           (c) Variances to require a city or town to provide bus transportation to a pupil entitled to  
2 enrollment in a charter school or vocational school, provided in accordance with regulations of  
3 the board of regents for elementary and secondary education, shall be granted by the  
4 commissioner of elementary and secondary education if the transportation is necessary in order  
5 that the pupil enroll in a charter school or vocational school located outside of the region.

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

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- 1           This act would require the commissioner of education to provide transportation to
- 2 students attending charter or vocational schools.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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