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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO AND AMENDING CHAPTER 330 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1991 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF BRISTOL AND WARREN TO FORM A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALL THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE TOWNS OF BRISTOL AND WARREN TO INCLUDE ALL GRADES AND PROGRAMS CURRENTLY PROVIDED AND ANY OTHER GRADES AND PROGRAMS SPECIFIED BY THE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Ottiano, and Bates

Date Introduced: May 01, 2014

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section VII(I) of Chapter 330 of the 1991 Public Laws entitled "An Act
2 Authorizing the Towns of Bristol and Warren to Establish a Regional School District" is hereby
3 amended as follows:

4 VII(I) Means of Apportioning Expenses

5 The total education costs of the regional district shall be apportioned between the towns
6 based upon ~~a per public pupil calculation, using enrollment as of the prior October 1~~ a rolling
7 average per public pupil calculation over the thirteen (13) school years prior to each fiscal year's
8 budget. For purposes of calculating such rolling average, beginning with the 2014-2015 school
9 year and going forward, the average daily membership (ADM) of enrollments, as reported to the
10 state on the last day of the previous school year, shall be used. For school years prior to 2014-
11 2015, the prior October 1 enrollment census shall be used in calculating the rolling average. On or
12 before the second Monday in May, the treasurer of the regional district shall determine the
13 proportionate share of the costs of the regional district for the next fiscal year to be borne by the
14 towns and shall notify the treasurer of towns of the total amount.

15 Each of the treasurers of the respective towns shall transfer one-twelfth of the town's
16 portion of local funds for the regional district to the treasurer of the regional district on the first

1 business day of each and every month beginning with the month of July, between the hours of
2 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

3 A daily penalty charge shall be assessed by the regional committee for late payment of
4 the town's portion for operation aid to be based on the Donoghue Money Fund Report rate plus
5 one-fourth of one percent.

6 SECTION 2. If any provision of this act, or the application thereof to the towns of Bristol
7 and Warren or to any person or circumstances, is deemed invalid for any reason, the remainder of
8 this act, or the application of such provision to said towns or other persons or circumstances, shall
9 not be affected thereby and, to this end, the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would allow the Bristol Warren Regional School District to apportion total
- 2 education cost on a rolling average per pupil calculation over a thirteen (13) year period.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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