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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

AN ACT

RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS - UNIFORM CHILD CUSTODY JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Corvese, Malik, Hull, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: January 07, 2016

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 15-14.1 of the General Laws entitled "Uniform Child Custody

Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 <u>15-14.1-43. At-home school instruction - Notice required. – (a) Any parent having</u>

4 physical custody of a child pursuant to this title who is seeking approval from a city or town or

5 regional school committee for a course of at-home school instruction whose attendance is

6 regulated pursuant to §16-19-1 shall provide the child's non-custodial parent with notice of the

7 application for at-home school instruction. The notice of application to the non-custodial parent

shall be issued prior to the approval of the at-home school instruction determination by any city

9 <u>or town school committee.</u>

10 (b) A non-custodial parent aggrieved by a decision of a school committee to permit home

schooling of their child may appeal that decision to the family court pursuant to the provisions of

12 §16-19-8.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would require that custodial parents give non-custodial parents notice of intentions to apply for at-home schooling. It would also allow appeals of certain school committee decisions about home-schooling to the family court.

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