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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

#### AN ACT

#### RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD CARE-STATE SUBSIDIES

<u>Introduced By:</u> Representatives Williams, Diaz, Lombardi, Regunberg, and Almeida <u>Date Introduced:</u> February 11, 2016 <u>Referred To:</u> House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40-6.2 of the General Laws entitled "Child Care-State Subsidies"
- 2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 <u>40-6.2-6. Status of co-payments-database established.-- (a) The department of human</u>
- 4 services shall establish a searchable online database, that shall be accessible to all certified
- 5 <u>family-child care providers, for the purpose of monitoring the status of all co-payments owed by</u>
- 6 <u>families receiving child care assistance.</u>
- 7 (b) Before the department of human services approves the payment of a state child care
- 8 subsidy for a child to a new provider, it shall ascertain whether the prospective placing family
- 9 owes any co-payments to prior certified family-child care providers. The department shall not
- 10 <u>authorize the requested placement payment until the placing family has made arrangements to</u>
- 11 pay their past due child care placement co-payments.
- 12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017.

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### **EXPLANATION**

### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### OF

# AN ACT

## RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES-CHILD CARE-STATE SUBSIDIES

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1 This act would require the department of human services to establish a searchable online

2 database, accessible to all certified family-child care providers, for the purpose of monitoring the

3 status of all co-payments owed by families receiving child care assistance.

This act would take effect on January 1, 2017.

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