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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: January 23, 2018

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-22 of the General Laws entitled "Curriculum [See Title 16
2 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto
3 the following section:

4 **16-22-29. Field trips to nature preserve, reserve, or conservatory.**

5 The general assembly recognizes the importance of a citizenry well educated in the
6 principles of nature and our environment, as well as the general assembly's duty to provide for the
7 preservation, regeneration and restoration of the natural environment of the state, as enunciated
8 in the constitution of the state of Rhode Island. In light of this, public schools of this state,
9 beginning in kindergarten and continuing through and including grade twelve (12), are
10 encouraged to use their best efforts to provide access to every student to at least one field trip to a
11 nature preserve, reserve, or conservatory.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would encourage the public schools of this state, beginning in kindergarten and
2 continuing through and including grade twelve (12), to use best efforts to provide access to every
3 student to at least one field trip to a nature preserve, reserve, or conservatory.

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