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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION  
CERTIFICATION - PARTIAL FEE WAIVER

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Crowley, Calkin, Goldin, and Gallo

Date Introduced: February 15, 2018

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-67 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Literacy and  
2 Dropout Prevention Act [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is  
3 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

4           **16-67-8. Partial fee waiver.**

5           Public school districts who send their qualified, certified teaching staff in 2018-2019 and  
6 annually thereafter to obtain a graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice as designed  
7 and implemented by the University of Rhode Island and aligned with the International Dyslexia  
8 Association (IDA) Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading shall be eligible to  
9 receive a one-half (1/2) fee waiver that shall be distributed through the department of elementary  
10 and secondary education (the "department"). A school district seeking such one-half (1/2) waiver  
11 shall first submit documentation to the department indicating the credentials of the teacher  
12 proposed to be sent for the certificate. The department shall determine whether the teacher is an  
13 elementary teacher who would be providing dyslexia-targeted assistance under the literacy  
14 program pursuant to §16-67-2. If approved by the department, a teacher may attend the IDA  
15 aligned program at one-half (1/2) the tuition normally charged.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would authorize a one-half (1/2) fee waiver to pay one-half (1/2) the costs of  
2 teachers in obtaining an International Dyslexia Association aligned graduate certificate in  
3 dyslexia knowledge and practice.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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