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#### STATE $\mathbf{OF}$ RHODE ISLAND

#### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022**

AN ACT

### RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- QUALITY SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Diaz, Williams, Potter, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: May 06, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40-8.14 of the General Laws entitled "Quality Self-Directed
- 2 Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 40-8.14-4.1. Compensation rates for individual providers of direct support services.
- 4 In accordance with the secretary's authority under § 40-8.14-4(c)(1), the hourly compensation rates
- 5 for "individual providers" shall be no less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour beginning April 1,
- 2022; increasing to no less than sixteen dollars (\$16.00) per hour on June 30, 2022; increasing to 6
- 7 no less than seventeen dollars (\$17.00) per hour on December 31, 2022 and no less than eighteen
- 8 dollars (\$18.00) per hour on June 30, 2023, and continuing.
- 9 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 increase the hourly compensation for "individual providers" from no less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) on April 1, 2022, and gradually increase several times until June 30, 2023, when it would be eighteen dollars (\$18.00) and continuing.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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