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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION
ACT

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Bennett, Donovan, Felix, Ackerman, Potter,
Cruz, and Solomon

Date Introduced: January 27, 2023

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-87 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Prekindergarten
2 Education Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-87-8. Establishment of a prekindergarten.**

4 In furtherance of the goals set forth in this chapter, no later than September 1, 2025, the
5 Rhode Island department of elementary and secondary education shall establish a statewide,
6 universal prekindergarten, early childhood education program that serves all children ages three
7 (3), four (4) and five (5) years.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require the department of education to provide a statewide, universal
2 prekindergarten, early childhood education program for all three (3), four (4) and five (5)-year-old
3 children by September 1, 2025.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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