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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT  
INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Casey, McNamara, Shekarchi, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: January 30, 2014

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 16-7.1-13 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-7.1 entitled "The Paul  
2 W. Crowley Rhode Island Student Investment Initiative" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **16-7.1-13. State leadership in conducting annual assessments of student**  
4 **performance.** – (a) Setting high standards for student performance must be paired with related  
5 assessments that will determine what progress the state is making toward bringing all children to  
6 high levels of achievement. A state assessment program shall be continued and expanded in core  
7 areas (mathematics, reading, writing and health). The program shall include performance  
8 standards and an annual report that disaggregates performance by race, poverty, native language  
9 and gender. The general assembly shall annually appropriate funds to support the programs, and  
10 the amount shall be recalculated annually. The commissioner of education shall implement the  
11 state assessment program.

12           (b) Notwithstanding the results of any state assessments, all public school systems in the  
13 state shall require that a student shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least  
14 seventy (70) out of one hundred (100) points for all years the student attend public high school, in  
15 order to graduate from high school.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that all public school systems in the state would require a student  
2 to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least seventy (70) out of one hundred  
3 (100) for all years the student attend public high school, in order to graduate from high school.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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