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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION-CURRICULUM

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, Paolino, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

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 **16-22-30. Instruction in cursive penmanship.**

5 Commencing September 1, 2019, all children in grades one through six (6) attending  
6 public schools, or any other schools managed and controlled by the state, shall receive in those  
7 schools instruction in cursive penmanship under rules and regulations the department of  
8 elementary and secondary education may prescribe or approve during periods which shall average  
9 at least twenty (20) minutes in each school day. No private school or private instruction shall be  
10 approved by any school committee for the purposes of § 16-19-2 as substantially equivalent to  
11 that required by law of a child attending a public school in the same city or town unless  
12 instruction in cursive penmanship similar to that required in public schools shall be given.

13 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 elementary schools to provide instruction in cursive penmanship.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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