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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - FOUNDATION EDUCATION AID FORMULA

Introduced By: Representatives Morrison, Gallison, Malik, Walsh, and Tomasso

Date Introduced: February 16, 2011

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-7.2 of the General Laws entitled "The Education Equity and
2 Property Tax Relief Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-7.2-11. Additional appropriations to regional school districts.** – (a) Beginning in
4 the 2012 fiscal year, the general assembly shall make a separate specific appropriation to each
5 regional school district, which appropriation shall be based upon the inherent and intrinsic costs
6 of operating a school district that encompasses multiple municipalities. These appropriations shall
7 be in addition to the funds provided to a regional school district pursuant to and through the
8 provisions of the foundation education aid formula set forth in this chapter. The basis for the
9 additional appropriations pursuant to this section shall include, but not be limited to, those costs
10 associated with transportation, liabilities, and multi-district buildings.

11 (b) For each regional school district, a state share shall be computed and multiplied by the
12 reference year cost, as defined under subdivision 16-7-16(11), of the basic program, as defined
13 under subdivision 16-7-16(3). The state share shall equal two percent (2%) for each grade so
14 consolidated for the first two (2) years of operation, diminishing thereafter by one-fourth of one
15 percent (.25%) per grade year, but in no event shall the increased percentage be less than eight
16 percent (8%); provided further, that the individual communities in the Chariho regional districts
17 shall each receive the applicable increased percentage of those grades serviced by the regional
18 school district. Reimbursement payments as calculated under this section shall be made in
19 accordance with the monthly distribution defined under subsection 16-7-20(c).

1 (c) As used herein, the term "regional school district" shall refer to a regional school
2 district established pursuant to the provisions of chapter 16-3 ("Establishment of Regional School
3 Districts").

4 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 provide for additional education aid funding for regional school districts.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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