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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH/MIDDLE
SCHOOL STUDENT ASSISTANCE ACT

Introduced By: Representative Thomas Winfield

Date Introduced: February 16, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The title of Chapter 16-21.3 of the General Laws entitled "The Rhode
2 Island Student Assistance Junior High/ Middle School Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~CHAPTER 16-21.3~~

4 ~~The Rhode Island Student Assistance Junior High/ Middle School Act~~

5 CHAPTER 16-21.3

6 THE RHODE ISLAND STUDENT ASSISTANCE JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH/MIDDLE

7 SCHOOL ACT

8 SECTION 2. Sections 16-21.3-2 and 16-21.3-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-21.3
9 entitled "The Rhode Island Student Assistance Junior High/ Middle School Act" are hereby
10 amended to read as follows:

11 ~~16-21.3-2. Junior high/middle school student assistance program. Junior/senior~~
12 ~~high/middle school student assistance program.~~

13 (a) The department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals
14 shall be charged with the administration of this chapter and shall contract with appropriate
15 substance abuse prevention/intervention agencies to provide student assistance services in
16 junior/senior high/middle schools.

17 (b) Following the first complete year of operation, school systems receiving junior/senior
18 high/middle school student assistance services will be required to contribute twenty percent

1 (20%) of the costs of student assistance counselors to the service provider agency in order to
2 continue the services.

3 ~~16-21.3-3. Funding of junior high/middle school student assistance program.~~
4 **Funding of junior/senior high/middle school student assistance program called Project**
5 **SUCCESS.**

6 (a) Money to fund this program shall be raised by assessing an additional substance abuse
7 prevention assessment of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for all moving motor vehicle violations handled
8 by the traffic tribunal including, but not limited to, those violations set forth in § 31-41.1-4,
9 except for speeding. The money shall be deposited in a restricted purpose receipt account separate
10 from all other accounts within the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities
11 and hospitals. The restricted purpose receipt account shall be known as the junior/senior
12 high/middle school student assistance fund and the traffic tribunal shall transfer money from the
13 junior/senior high/middle school student assistance fund to the department of behavioral
14 healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals for the administration of the Rhode Island
15 Student Assistance Junior/Senior High/Middle School Act, which may include the program
16 commonly known as the student assistance program/project success, or similar program or
17 successor program.

18 (b) The department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals
19 ~~may~~ shall utilize up to ten percent (10%) of the sums collected from the additional penalty for the
20 purpose of administering the program.

21 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would extend the junior/senior high/middle school student assistance program to
2 include senior high school students and identify the student assistance program/project success as
3 a recipient of the funds.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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