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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

**APPROPRIATING SUFFICIENT SUMS TO PAY ONE-HALF THE COSTS OF TEACHERS
IN OBTAINING AN INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION ("IDA") ALIGNED
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DYSLEXIA KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE**

Introduced By: Representatives McEntee, O'Brien, Craven, and Maldonado

Date Introduced: March 29, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

1 RESOLVED, That the general assembly shall appropriate out of any money in the
2 treasury not otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2017-2018, and annually thereafter, such
3 sums as are necessary to partially reimburse public school districts who send their qualified,
4 certified teaching staff to a public college or university within this state, in order to obtain a
5 certificate in an international dyslexia association ("IDA") aligned graduate certificate in dyslexia
6 knowledge and practice (a "certificate"), for purposes of complying with the provisions of §16-
7 67-2(a)(6). These reimbursements shall be distributed through the Rhode Island department of
8 elementary and secondary education (the "department"). A school district seeking such
9 reimbursement shall first submit documentation to the department indicating the credentials of the
10 teacher proposed to be sent for the certificate. The department shall determine whether the
11 teacher is an elementary teacher who would be providing dyslexia-targeted assistance under the
12 literacy program pursuant to §16-67-2. If approved by the department, a teacher may attend the
13 program. Upon completion of the program and the attainment of the certificate by the teacher, the
14 school district shall submit the appropriate application to the department documenting the costs of
15 attaining the certificate. If the department finds the application and the provisions of this
16 resolution have been complied with, the department shall reimburse school districts one-half of
17 the tuition costs for obtaining the certificate, in an amount not to exceed three thousand, nine
18 hundred thirty dollars (\$3,930). The commissioner of elementary and secondary education is
19 hereby authorized and directed to draw orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said

- 1 sums, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly
- 2 authenticated vouchers.

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- 1 This joint resolution would appropriate sufficient sums to pay one-half the costs of
- 2 teachers in obtaining an IDA aligned graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice.

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