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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Introduced By: Representatives Keable, Tomasso, Petrarca, Serpa, and Silva

Date Introduced: June 02, 2011

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 16 of the General Laws entitled "EDUCATION" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 45.1

4 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

5 **16-45.1-1. Findings.** – The general assembly finds and declares as follows:

6 (1) The Rhode Island economy will benefit from a highly skilled workforce;

7 (2) Career and technical education must be informed by the needs of local businesses
8 industries and employers, in creating, growing and locating employment opportunities for job
9 seekers with the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities desired by employers;

10 (3) Career and technical education should provide an integrated career pathway system
11 to respond to the needs of businesses, small and large, as well as innovative and emerging
12 industries;

13 (4) Based upon the current and future demands for a highly skilled workforce, career and
14 technical education should provide a foundation for students to succeed in career and/or higher
15 education opportunities.

16 **16-45.1-2. Career and Technical Education System.** - The board of regents shall
17 establish and maintain a system of career and technical education that maintains on going
18 connections with higher education and meets the needs of local business and industry, and
19 promotes workforce development.

1 **16-45.1-3. Report to the general assembly.** – Beginning on January 1, 2012, the
2 department of elementary and secondary education shall provide the senate president and speaker
3 of the house an annual report consisting of the following:

4 (1) The total number of students attending career and technical schools/programs, where
5 determinable;

6 (2) The total number of those students in subsection (1) who have received diplomas;

7 (3) The total number of those students in subsection (1) who have received industry
8 recognized certificates, if the information is available;

9 (4) The total number of students who transfer to another school and/or continue their
10 secondary education;

11 (5) The total number of students who obtain employment before or immediately after
12 graduation; and

13 (6) The total number of students who attend post-secondary institutions.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education to
2 promulgate regulations pertaining to career and technical education and would report annually on
3 a number of metrics to the house and senate.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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