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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- KINDERGARTEN

Introduced By: Representatives DaSilva, Hearn, Edwards, Johnston, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: January 17, 2012

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-2 of the General Laws entitled "School Committees and
2 Superintendents" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-2-28.3. Kindergarten -- Hours of instruction -- School day. -- Notwithstanding any**
4 **provisions of the general or public laws or rule or regulation to the contrary, a kindergarten**
5 **school day must contain at least five and one half (5 ½) hours (three hundred thirty (330)**
6 **minutes) of actual school work excluding lunch, recess periods, common planning time, pre and**
7 **post school teacher time, study halls, homeroom periods, student passing time and any other time**
8 **that is not actual instructional time. Student advisory periods may be counted as instructional**
9 **time. The commissioner has discretion to decide whether other school programs may be counted**
10 **as instructional time.**

11 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 a minimum amount of 5½ hours of actual school work for
2 kindergarten students.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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