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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE COLLEGE CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIP

Introduced By: Representatives Barros, Casimiro, and Johnston

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-70-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-70 entitled "The College
2 Crusade Scholarship [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **16-70-4. Council on postsecondary education support program -- Powers and duties.**

5 The council on postsecondary education shall have the following powers and duties:

6 (1) To prepare with the assistance of the commissioner of postsecondary education and to
7 present annually to the state budget officer in accordance with § 35-3-4, as part of the state higher
8 education budget, a line-item budget request specifically designated as the state's share of support
9 for the college crusade of Rhode Island. The budget shall be designated as a specific, line-item
10 budget request and shall be presented as part of the budget of the postsecondary commissioner.

11 (2) To provide, through its office of the postsecondary commissioner, the authority to
12 designate the college crusade of Rhode Island, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization registered with
13 the Rhode Island secretary of state, as the entity that will administer and operate all program
14 services and manage scholarship resources [associated with the U.S. Department of Education Gear
15 Up Program.](#)

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 16-70 of the General Laws entitled "The College Crusade
17 Scholarship [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby
18 amended by adding thereto the following sections:

19 **16-70-7. Administration of college crusade scholarship program.**

1 Scholarships that college crusade program participants receive directly from the college
2 crusade of Rhode Island scholarship program, are not considered federal or financial aid pursuant
3 to the Rhode Island promise scholarship, chapter 107 of title 16.

4 **16-70-8. Access to student information systems.**

5 To ensure that program participants in the college crusade of Rhode Island receive the best
6 possible services and support, local education agencies (LEAs) whose students participate in the
7 college crusade of Rhode Island, shall provide the organization with individual-level access to
8 student information systems and other data related to established college readiness metrics,
9 including, but not limited to: attendance, course schedule demographics, discipline, grades, and test
10 results.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide that scholarships received directly from the College Crusade
- 2 Scholarship Program would not be considered financial aid pursuant to the Rhode Island Promise
- 3 Scholarships, and provides the program with access to certain student data.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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