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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Introduced By: Representatives Baldelli-Hunt, Brien, and Fierro

Date Introduced: April 13, 2010

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-45-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-45 entitled "Regional
2 Vocational Schools" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **16-45-7. Annual appropriations.** -- (a) The general assembly shall appropriate any sum
4 as it may deem necessary for the purpose of reducing local district area vocational technical
5 school tuition. Such sums shall be appropriated on a per pupil basis. In making this determination,
6 the general assembly shall set a specific dollar amount of aid to be provided for each student. Aid
7 shall be distributed to each vocational school district based upon the number of students in
8 attendance at said schools as of October 1 of each year. By way of guidance, the intent of this
9 provision is to provide uniform funding of regional vocational schools throughout the state. All
10 districts which send students to state operated schools which are funded through the operations
11 aid formula shall not be entitled to receive funds under this section for students attending those
12 schools.

13 (b) Each year one hundred percent (100%) of the approved regional vocational school
14 expenditures for the reference year is appropriated. Such sums shall be appropriated on a per
15 pupil basis. In making this determination, the general assembly shall set a specific dollar amount
16 of aid to be provided for each student. Aid shall be distributed to each vocational school district
17 based upon the number of students in attendance at said schools as of October 1 of each year. By
18 way of guidance, the intent of this provision is to provide uniform funding of regional vocational
19 schools throughout the state. The commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall be

1 responsible for approving regional vocational technical school budgets and eligible programs and
2 shall promulgate rules and regulations for the approval of budget expenditures and operation of
3 the schools. All funds provided by this section will be ineligible for reimbursement under the
4 provisions of chapter 7 of this title.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require the state to make payments for regional vocational school
- 2 expenses by determining a specific dollar amount for each student and distributing aid based on
- 3 the number of pupils attending such schools as of October 1 of each year.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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