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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO EDUCATION

Introduced By: Senators Algieri, and Maher

Date Introduced: February 09, 2011

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-7.1 of the General Laws entitled "The Rhode Island Student
2 Investment Initiative" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-7.1-20. State aid to vocational education. --** (a) Notwithstanding any provision of
4 the general or public laws to the contrary, the general assembly shall appropriate annually a sum
5 equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the tuition and related educational costs for any and all
6 students attending an elementary and/or secondary school which primarily provides vocational
7 and technological training and instruction. Said tuition and costs shall be paid from the general
8 fund directly to the vocational and technological school where the students are in attendance. In
9 the event a student commences, but does not complete a school year, the amount of said payments
10 shall be prorated. No city, town, and/or other municipality shall be required to make any
11 payments to any school, school district, and/or any other city, town, and/or municipality for
12 sending a student to such a vocational school.

13 The board of regents for elementary and secondary education shall promulgate rules and
14 regulations to govern the process by which vocational schools shall demonstrate the tuition and
15 costs for which payment is sought.

16 (b) The provisions of this section shall be applicable only to public elementary and
17 secondary schools for vocational and technological training and instruction maintenance and
18 operated by a state municipality, and shall not apply to any private and/or non-public school,
19 and/or to any so-called adult vocational and technological education. The provisions of this

1 [section shall not apply to any vocational school currently maintained and/or operated by the board](#)
2 [of regents for elementary and secondary education.](#)

3 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 annually pay for the tuition and related costs for
2 students attending a state elementary or secondary vocational education school. The payments
3 would be made directly to the respective schools.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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