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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Satchell, Felag, Conley, and Cano

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 28-12 of the General Laws entitled "Minimum Wages" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **28-12-3.3. Minimum wages for employees of developmental disabilities**  
4 **organizations.**

5 (a) Commencing July 1, 2019, every covered employer providing services to five (5) or  
6 more persons with developmental disabilities, that are reimbursed for such services by the state,  
7 shall pay each of their employees, no less than thirteen dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$13.77)  
8 per hour. Commencing July 1, 2020, every covered employer providing services to five (5) or  
9 more persons with developmental disabilities, that are reimbursed for such services by the state,  
10 shall pay of their employees, no less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour. For the purposes of  
11 this section, covered employers are those developmental disability organizations licensed to  
12 provide services pursuant to § 40.1-24-3.

13 (b) The state general revenues and federal funds appropriation to the department of  
14 behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities, and hospitals for services for the  
15 developmentally disabled shall increase for programs that provide services to adults with  
16 developmental disabilities in order to meet the minimum wage increase provided for in this  
17 section.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would set the minimum hourly wages for employees of developmental  
2 disabilities organizations who have developmental disabilities at thirteen dollars and seventy-  
3 seven cents (\$13.77) with an increase to fifteen dollars (\$15.00) commencing on July 1, 2020.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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