

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Paiva Weed, Bates, DeVall, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: May 12, 2011

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 16 of the General Laws entitled "EDUCATION" is hereby amended  
2 by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 45.1

4 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

5 **16-45.1-1. Findings.** – The general assembly finds and declares as follows:

6 (1) The Rhode Island economy will benefit from a highly skilled workforce;

7 (2) Career and technical education must be informed by the needs of local businesses  
8 industries and employers, in creating, growing and locating employment opportunities for job  
9 seekers with the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities desired by employers;

10 (3) Career and technical education should provide an integrated career pathway system  
11 to respond to the needs of businesses, small and large, as well as innovative and emerging  
12 industries;

13 (4) Based upon the current and future demands for a highly skilled workforce, career and  
14 technical education should provide a foundation for students to succeed in career and/or higher  
15 education opportunities; and

16 (5) The board of regents shall establish and maintain a system of career and technical  
17 education that maintains on going connections with higher education and meets the needs of local  
18 business and industry, and promotes workforce development.

19 **16-45.1-2. Report to the general assembly.** – Beginning on January 1, 2012, the

1 department of elementary and secondary education shall provide the senate president and speaker  
2 of the house an annual report consisting of the following:

3 (1) The total number of students attending career and technical schools/programs, where  
4 determinable;

5 (2) The total number of those students in subsection (1) who have received diplomas;

6 (3) The total number of those students in subsection (1) who have received industry  
7 recognized certificates, if the information is available;

8 (4) The total number of students who transfer to another school and/or continue their  
9 secondary education;

10 (5) The total number of students who obtain employment before or immediately after  
11 graduation; and

12 (6) The total number of students who attend post-secondary institutions.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education to  
2 promulgate regulations pertaining to career and technical education and would report annually on  
3 a number of metrics to the house and senate.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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