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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Tassoni, Blais, and Cote

Date Introduced: February 04, 2010

Referred To: Senate Finance

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

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

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

1 [of regents for elementary and secondary education.](#)

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

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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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