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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Jabour, Kettle, Sheehan, and Morgan

Date Introduced: February 15, 2018

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-7-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-7 entitled "Foundation
2 Level School Support [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board Of Education Act]" is
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **16-7-20. Determination of state's share.**

5 (a) For each community the state's share shall be computed as follows: Let

6 R = state share ratio for the community.

7 v = adjusted equalized weighted assessed valuation for the community, as defined in

8 § 16-7-21(3).

9 V = sum of the values of v for all communities.

10 m = average daily membership of pupils in the community as defined in § 16-7-22(3).

11 M = total average daily membership of pupils in the state.

12 E = approved reimbursable expenditures for the community for the reference year minus

13 the excess costs of special education, tuitions, federal and state receipts, and other

14 income.

15 Then the state share entitlement for the community shall be RE where

16 $R = 1 - 0.5vM/(Vm)$ through June 30, 2011, and $R = 1 - 0.475 vM/(Vm)$ beginning on

17 July 1, 2011 and thereafter.

18 Except that in no case shall R be less than zero percent (0%). Excepting further, that in
19 any fiscal year, the aid provided pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall in no event be less

1 [than the amount provided in the community in the previous fiscal year.](#)

2 (b) Whenever any funds are appropriated for educational purposes, the funds shall be
3 used for educational purposes only and all state funds appropriated for educational purposes must
4 be used to supplement any and all money allocated by a city or town for educational purposes and
5 in no event shall state funds be used to supplant, directly or indirectly, any money allocated by a
6 city or town for educational purposes. The courts of this state shall enforce this section by writ of
7 mandamus.

8 (c) Notwithstanding the calculations in subsection (a), the hospital school at the Hasbro
9 Children's Hospital shall be reimbursed one hundred percent (100%) of all expenditures approved
10 by the board of regents for elementary and secondary education in accordance with currently
11 existing rules and regulations for administering state aid, and subject to annual appropriations by
12 the general assembly including, but not limited to, expenditures for educational personnel,
13 supplies, and materials in the prior fiscal year.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that in determining local school aid, the state would annually
2 provide each community no less than an amount equal to the aid given in the preceding fiscal
3 year.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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