

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: February 01, 2023

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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SECTION 1. Section 16-64-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-64 entitled "Residence of Children for School Purposes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~16-64-5. Children under care and control of state agency~~ **Children under care and control of state agency - Transportation costs.**

~~In cases where the director of a Rhode Island state agency considers it likely that a child under his or her care and control will be subject to a short term placement or series of short term placements, the director may petition the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to designate the child's original city or town of residence as having continuing responsibility for the child's education. This designation shall be effective for period not greater than two (2) months unless an extension is granted by the commissioner.~~ In cases where the department of children, youth and families has determined that it is in the child's best interest to remain in the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement, the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of children, youth and families shall each pay fifty percent (50%) of the out-of-district transportation costs for the aforesaid child. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit any school system from providing transportation for the child without charge. Disputes under this section ~~including disputes relating to transportation~~ shall be resolved in accordance with § 16-64-6.

1 SECTION 3. 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 and the
2 department of children, youth and families to each pay fifty percent (50%) of the out-of-district
3 transportation costs for children allowed to remain in the school where the child is enrolled at the
4 time of placement.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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