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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced By: Senator Melissa A. Murray

Date Introduced: March 08, 2024

Referred To: Senate Education

(General Treasurer)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-7.2 of the General Laws entitled "Office of Health and Human

Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

42-7.2-20.9. ABLE account program information.

4 <u>Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, a school district shall provide informational</u>

material about the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) account program established under §

6 42-7.2-20.3 to the parent or guardian of any student with an individualized education program (IEP)

at the student's annual IEP review meeting, whether held in person, held remotely, or held in any

other manner. The office of the general treasurer shall prepare the informational material and

deliver the informational material to the Rhode Island department of education who shall distribute

the informational material to school districts.

A school may transmit the informational material to a parent or guardian in the same

12 manner as other documents or information related to an annual IEP review meeting are provided to

13 the parent or guardian.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

OF

AN ACT

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This act would require school districts to provide the parent or guardian of a student with an individualized education program (IEP) with information concerning the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) account program benefits and the program application process.

This act would take effect upon passage.

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