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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS

Introduced By: Representatives Morales, Giraldo, Cruz, Batista, Potter, Stewart, and
Cotter

Date Introduced: February 13, 2025

Referred To: House Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-38 of the General Laws entitled "Offenses Pertaining to Schools
2 [See Title 16 Chapter 97 — The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by
3 adding thereto the following section:

4 **16-38-15. Legacy admissions.**

5 (a) No public or private university shall extend preferential treatment to an applicant in any
6 manner because of the student's familial relationship to a previous attendee during admissions
7 consideration.

8 (b) No public or private university shall inquire about a prospective student's familial
9 relationship to a previous attendee on an application for admission. If the university learns about
10 the prospective student's familial relationship to a previous attendee during the application process,
11 the institution shall not extend preferential treatment to the prospective student.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would ban preferential treatment to a public or private university applicant because
- 2 of the student's familial relationship to a previous university attendee.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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