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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT
INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

Introduced By: Senators Bell, Bissaillon, Mack, Famiglietti, Kallman, and Gallo

Date Introduced: February 13, 2026

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-7.1 of the General Laws entitled "The Paul W. Crowley Rhode
2 Island Student Investment Initiative [See Title 16 Chapter 97 — The Rhode Island Board of
3 Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

4 **16-7.1-5.3. Extension of turnaround action plan terminated.**

5 The extension of control issued by the department of elementary and secondary education
6 relative to the turnaround status of the Providence public school district (PPSD), issued on August
7 29, 2024, pursuant to § 16-7.1-5.1 extending the PPSD's turnaround action plan to October 15,
8 2027 is hereby null and void and terminated.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would nullify the department of elementary and secondary education's
- 2 recommendation that the turnaround plan for Providence public schools be continued.
- 3 This act would take effect on July 1, 2026.

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