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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Lombardo, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: February 18, 2021

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-7 of the General Laws entitled "Foundation Level School Support  
2 [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board Of Education Act]" is hereby amended by  
3 adding thereto the following section:

4           **16-7-44.3. Program incentives.**

5           (a) School districts that award the architectural services to a resident architectural firm for  
6 the architectural services included in a new school or school renovation project shall receive an  
7 increased school housing ratio of five percent (5%) for those specific projects.

8           (b) For the purposes of this section a "resident architectural firm" means an architectural  
9 firm or business that has paid unemployment taxes or income taxes in the state during thirty-six  
10 (36) consecutive calendar months, has a business corporate headquarters facility located in the state,  
11 and has registered with the secretary of state to conduct business in the state.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide increased school housing aid for communities that utilize resident  
2 architectural firms, for the architectural services included in a new school or school renovation  
3 project.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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