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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
ACT

Introduced By: Senators Rogers, Pearson, Murray, Cano, Seveney, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: February 25, 2021

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-7.2-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-7.2 entitled "The
2 Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **16-7.2-4. Determination of state's share.**

4 (a) For each district, the state's share of the foundation education aid calculated pursuant
5 to § 16-7.2-3(a) shall use a calculation that considers a district's revenue-generating capacity and
6 concentration of high-need students. The calculation is the square root of the sum of the state-share
7 ratio for the community calculation, pursuant to § 16-7-20, squared plus the district's percentage of
8 students in grades PK-6 in poverty status squared, divided by two.

9 (b) For purposes of determining the state's share, school district student data used in this
10 calculation shall include charter school and state school students. These ratios are used in the
11 permanent foundation education aid formula calculation described in § 16-7.2-5.

12 (c) In any given fiscal year, the total education aid paid to a local education agency,
13 including distributed categorical funds, may not be reduced by more than one percent (1%) of the
14 municipal education appropriation to the local education agency in the previous fiscal year.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit total education paid to any local education agency from being
2 reduced by more than one percent (1%) of the municipal education appropriation in the previous
3 year.

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