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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - KINDERGARTEN

Introduced By: Representatives Hearn, DaSilva, Medina, Carnevale, and Williams

Date Introduced: January 17, 2012

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-2 of the General Laws entitled "School Committees and
2 Superintendents" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-2-28.3. Kindergarten -- Hours of instruction -- School day. -- Notwithstanding any**
4 **provisions of the general or public laws or rule or regulation to the contrary, a kindergarten**
5 **school day must contain at least five and one-half (5½) hours (three hundred thirty (330) minutes)**
6 **of actual school work excluding lunch, recess periods, common planning time, pre and post**
7 **school teacher time, study halls, homeroom periods, student passing time and any other time that**
8 **is not actual instructional time. Student advisory periods may be counted as instructional time.**
9 **The commissioner has discretion to decide whether other school programs may be counted as**
10 **instructional time.**

11 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 require an increase in the hours per day kindergarten students would be
- 2 required to attend class.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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