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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Introduced By: Representative Joseph M. McNamara

Date Introduced: January 17, 2012

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-3.1-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-3.1 entitled
2 "Cooperative Service Among School Districts" is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 **16-3.1-11. Urban collaborative.** -- Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
4 special law to the contrary, the school committees of the cities of Providence, Pawtucket, East
5 Providence, Central Falls and other Rhode Island school districts as may be approved for
6 inclusion by existing member districts in accordance with collaborative bylaws are authorized and
7 empowered to continue and/or initiate cooperative efforts to provide alternate education programs
8 and/or diagnostic services required by law or regulation for students achieving limited success in
9 traditional settings and to do all things necessary including, but not limited to utilization of
10 technology, including television, all on a collaborative basis. The various school committees may
11 assign and delegate to their respective school committee chairs or designee or superintendents of
12 schools or designee, acting as a regional board any duties, responsibilities, and powers that the
13 committees may deem necessary for the conduct, administration, and management of the urban
14 collaborative. [The urban collaborative shall be funded pursuant to the provisions of section 16-](#)
15 [7.2-3. The state share of the permanent foundation education aid shall be paid directly to the](#)
16 [urban collaborative pursuant to the provisions of section 16-7.2-7. The local school district shall](#)
17 [transfer the difference between the calculated state share of the permanent foundation education](#)
18 [aid and the amount calculated pursuant to the provisions of section 16-7.2-7 to the urban](#)
19 [collaborative, until the transition of the state share is complete. In addition, the local school](#)

1 [district shall pay the local share of education funding to the urban collaborative as outlined in](#)
2 [section 16-7.2-5.](#)

3 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that the Urban Collaborative would receive state education funds
2 pursuant to the provisions of the state's recently enacted education aid formula.

3 This act would take effect on July 1, 2012.

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