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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAYORAL ACADEMIES

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Savage, Ajello, Cimini, and Gallison

Date Introduced: February 02, 2012

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-77.4 of the General Laws entitled "Mayoral Academies" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-77.4-3.1. Selection of students for mayoral academy through lottery.** – (a) In
4 selecting students for enrollment in a mayoral academy, said mayoral academies shall make
5 randomized offers to public school students utilizing a confidential process set forth herein.

6 (b) Each mayoral academy shall determine which census tracts from which students shall
7 be drawn. The mayoral academy shall then inform the applicable public school districts which
8 enroll students from such tracts. The public schools shall coordinate with the mayoral academy so
9 that public school students are assigned a number, and the mayoral academy shall select students
10 according to numbers. The name and identity of the students shall not be provided to the mayoral
11 academy. The mayoral academy shall utilize a process that randomly selects public school
12 students who live in such tracts by number and inform the applicable public school of the
13 selection. The mayoral academy shall issue invitations to said students to enroll in the mayoral
14 academy, and these invitations shall be forwarded to the public school, which school shall then
15 forward the invitations to the students. All students attending public school shall be eligible to be
16 selected. A student may choose to accept the offer or reject said invitation. In the event a student
17 rejects the invitation to enroll, another student shall be randomly selected utilizing the same
18 process, until all available slots for students are filled. Provided, that mayoral academies shall
19 offer an equal number of enrollments to students from urban and non-urban communities. For

1 purposes of this process, so-called “urban ring” school communities shall be deemed to be urban
2 communities.

3 (c) Provided, the parent and/or guardian of a student may inform the public school that
4 they do not want their child considered for placement in a mayoral academy. In such event, the
5 public school shall inform the mayoral academy of the parent or guardian’s decision, and said
6 student shall not be included in the selection process.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require mayoral academies to use a random selection process to select
- 2 those students who would be invited to attend the mayoral academy.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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