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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM

Introduced By: Representatives Morrison, Naughton, Mattiello, O'Neill, and Gallison

Date Introduced: February 28, 2012

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-22 of the General Laws entitled "Curriculum" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **16-22-26. Diplomas for students in alternative programs.** -- Any student or pupil in a  
4 Rhode Island public school who successfully completes the graduation requirements of an  
5 alternative learning program approved by a school district and/or local education agency (LEA)  
6 shall be awarded a diploma upon graduation. Certificates of attendance, academic and technical  
7 skill achievement, work readiness, and other forms may be awarded to a student by a school  
8 district and/or an LEA, but such certificates shall be in addition to and shall not be used as a  
9 substitute for or in lieu of a diploma.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that students who complete the graduation requirements of an  
2 alternative learning program approved by a school district would be awarded a diploma upon  
3 graduation. Certificates of achievement and other types would still be awarded, but such  
4 certificates would be in addition to and not a substitute for a diploma.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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