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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCY OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Silva, Casey, Corvese, and Guthrie

Date Introduced: February 14, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 16-64-5 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-64 entitled "Residence  
2 of Children for School Purposes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **16-64-5. Children under care and control of state agency. --** In cases where the  
4 director of a Rhode Island state agency considers it likely that a child under his or her care and  
5 control will be subject to a short term placement or series of short term placements, the director  
6 may petition the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to designate the child's  
7 original city or town of residence as having continuing responsibility for the child's education.  
8 This designation shall be effective for period not greater than two (2) months unless an extension  
9 is granted by the commissioner. [In cases where a child is placed in a different school district by](#)  
10 [the department of children, youth and families, the cost of school transportation shall be the](#)  
11 [responsibility of the department.](#) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit  
12 any school system from providing transportation for the child without charge. Disputes under this  
13 section including disputes relating to transportation shall be resolved in accordance with section  
14 16-64-6.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would make the department of children, youth and families responsibility for  
2 school transportation costs when a child is placed in a different school district.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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