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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Pichardo, Nesselbush, Ottiano, and Cote

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 16 of the General Laws entitled "EDUCATION" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 100

4 DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT

5 **16-100-1. Short title.** -- This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Dual
6 Enrollment Equal Opportunity Act."

7 **16-100-2. Definition.** -- "Dual Enrollment" means that a student is enrolled in a
8 secondary school while simultaneously enrolled at a local institution of higher learning, such as a
9 community college or university.

10 **16-100-3. Policy implemented.** -- (a) The board of regents for elementary and
11 secondary education and/or the state board of education shall prescribe by regulation a statewide
12 dual enrollment policy that shall allow students to enroll in post secondary institution courses to
13 satisfy credit in both high school and the aforementioned post secondary institutions. The
14 regulations shall address the post secondary institution's accreditation requirements, if any, the
15 institution's ability to award degrees/certificates in Rhode Island, the minimum course grade
16 necessary to receive credit at the student's secondary school, and any other areas that the board
17 deems appropriate. Such regulations shall be promulgated on or before January 1, 2014.

18 (b) For students participating in dual enrollment pursuant to this chapter, the funding
19 allocated for that student, pursuant to general laws section 16-7.2-3, shall follow the student to the

1 [enrolled higher education institution proportionate to the credits to be earned at that institution.](#)
2 [The student's secondary school district may retain an amount for administrative costs as allowed](#)
3 [by the board in its regulations.](#)

4 **16-100-4. Dual enrollment adoption. --** [School districts and schools must adopt the](#)
5 [statewide dual enrollment policy promulgated pursuant to this section by June 30, 2014. All](#)
6 [school districts, charter schools, career and technical schools, approved private day or residential](#)
7 [schools and collaborative schools shall be subject to the requirements of this section.](#)

8 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 provide for the establishment of a dual enrollment policy by the state that
2 would enable high school students to take courses at colleges and universities. Students so
3 enrolled would receive credit towards their high school graduation and would also gain credits at
4 the college or university they are attending.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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