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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Gallo, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

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 secondary
8	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 Education shall prescribe by
11	regulation a statewide dual enrollment policy that shall allow students to enroll in courses at
12	postsecondary institutions to satisfy academic credit requirements in both high school and the
13	aforementioned postsecondary institutions. The regulations shall address the postsecondary
14	institution's graduation requirements, if any; the institution's ability to award degrees/certificates
15	in Rhode Island; the minimum course grade to receive credit at the student's secondary school;
16	and any other criteria that the Board deems appropriate.
17	(b) For students that are utilizing dual enrollment, the funding allocated for that student
18	shall follow the student to the enrolled higher education institution in proportion to the credits to

19 be earned at that institution. The school district may retain an amount for administrative costs as

1 <u>allowed by the Board in its regulations.</u>

<u>16-100-4. Dual enrollment adoption. --</u> School districts and schools must adopt the
statewide dual enrollment policy promulgated pursuant to this section by June 30, 2014. All
school districts, charter schools, career and technical schools, approved private day or residential
schools and collaborative schools shall be subject to the requirements of this section.

- 6 <u>16-100-5. Reporting. --</u> <u>School districts that have students participating in dual</u>
- 7 <u>enrollment programs shall report to the department of elementary and secondary education on an</u>
- 8 annual basis regarding the number of students, the number of credits earned at postsecondary
- 9 institutions, the name of the institution, and the dollar amount the school district is allocated for
- 10 this program. The department of education shall provide the governor, president of the senate and
- 11 speaker of the house a report that shall contain the above information provided by district and in
- 12 the aggregate on an annual basis by October 31 of each year, commencing on October 31, 2014.
- 13 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 require the board of education to prescribe by regulation a statewide dual 2 enrollment policy that would allow students to enroll in courses at postsecondary institutions to 3 satisfy academic credit requirements in both high school and the aforementioned postsecondary 4 institutions.

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