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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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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:

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 secondary
8 school while simultaneously enrolled at a local public 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 mentioned 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) The board shall convene a workgroup, including, but not limited to, representatives
18 from superintendents, school committees, public higher education institutions and teachers. The
19 purpose of the workgroup is to consider and advise the board as to a dual enrollment policy and

1 its possible effect on school funding pursuant to section 16-7.2, possible shared costs of the
2 education, possible fee schedules, manners in which low-income students could access the
3 program and, possible contracted tuition costs with our public higher education institutions.

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, 2015. 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 **16-100-5. Reporting. --** School districts that have students participating in dual
9 enrollment programs shall report to the department of elementary and secondary education on an
10 annual basis regarding the number of students, the number of credits earned at postsecondary
11 institutions, the name of the institution, and the dollar amount the school district is allocated for
12 this program. The department of education shall provide the governor, president of the senate and
13 speaker of the house a report that shall contain the above information provided by district and in
14 the aggregate on an annual basis by October 31 of each year, commencing on October 31, 2015.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the board of education to prescribe by regulation a statewide dual
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