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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Miller, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: May 30, 2013

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-3.1-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-3.1 entitled
2 "Cooperative Service Among School Districts" is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 **16-3.1-11. Urban collaborative.** -- Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
4 special law to the contrary, the school committees of the cities of Providence, Pawtucket, East
5 Providence, Central Falls and other Rhode Island school districts as may be approved for
6 inclusion by existing member districts in accordance with collaborative bylaws are authorized and
7 empowered to continue and/or initiate cooperative efforts to provide alternate education programs
8 and/or diagnostic services required by law or regulation for students achieving limited success in
9 traditional settings and to do all things necessary including, but not limited to utilization of
10 technology, including television, all on a collaborative basis. The various school committees may
11 assign and delegate to their respective school committee chairs or designee or superintendents of
12 schools or designee, acting as a regional board any duties, responsibilities, and powers that the
13 committees may deem necessary for the conduct, administration, and management of the urban
14 collaborative. Beginning on July 1, 2013 the urban collaborative shall be funded pursuant to the
15 provisions of section 16-7.2-3. The state share of the permanent foundation education aid shall be
16 paid directly to the urban collaborative pursuant to the provisions of section 16-7.2-7. The local
17 school district shall transfer the difference between the calculated state share of the permanent
18 foundation education aid and the amount calculated pursuant to the provisions of section 16-7.2-7
19 to the urban collaborative, until the transition of the state share is complete. In addition, the local

1 school district shall pay the local share of education funding to the urban collaborative as outlined
2 in section 16-7.2-5.

3 The urban collaborative shall be eligible to receive other aids, grants, Medicaid revenue,
4 and any other revenue according to Rhode Island law, as though it were a school district. Federal
5 aid received by the state shall be used to benefit students in the urban collaborative, if the school
6 qualifies for the aid, as though it were a school district.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would mandate that the urban collaborative would be treated as a school district
2 in order to be eligible to receive other aids, grants, and Medicaid revenue to benefit its students.

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