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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Introduced By: Representatives Craven, O'Brien, Serpa, Marshall, and Costa

Date Introduced: January 21, 2014

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-24 of the General Laws entitled "Children with Disabilities" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
3 **16-24-19. Minimum attendance required.** -- There is hereby established a minimum
4 attendance requirement of one hundred fifty-five (155) school days within a school year in order
5 for a student to be certified, recertified, identified, or otherwise documented as a child with a
6 disability by a public school or public school district in Rhode Island. This attendance
7 requirement shall apply to documentation prepared by the school or school district in order for a
8 student to qualify for any state and/or federal benefits that require such documentation. This
9 attendance requirement shall not apply in instances where a student's failure to meet this one
10 hundred fifty-five (155) day minimum attendance requirement is medically excused by a treating
11 physician of the student.
12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that a child with a disability attend a minimum of one hundred
2 fifty-five (155) days in school within a school year in order for the student to be documented as
3 having a disability, for any state or federal benefits that require such documentation.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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