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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT
INVESTMENT INITIATIVE - NOTICE PROVISIONS

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Fellela, E Coderre, Tanzi, and Silva

Date Introduced: February 06, 2014

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

1 WHEREAS, According to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
2 approximately 4000 high school students from the Class of 2014 are in jeopardy of not graduating
3 from high school due to the students' score on the state assessment; and

4 WHEREAS, The General Assembly is concerned about the impact of not having a high
5 school diploma on students' lives and the economy of the State; and

6 WHEREAS, The common core standards are currently being implemented in schools
7 throughout the State; and

8 WHEREAS, Rhode Island and twenty-one additional states have agreed to utilize the
9 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC) as the state assessment
10 that aligns with the common core standards; and

11 WHEREAS, The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) will be
12 replaced by the PARCC beginning in the 2014-2015 school year; and

13 WHEREAS, The former Rhode Island Board of Regents adopted regulations for
14 graduation standards beginning with the 2013-2014 school year that will require three measures
15 to be eligible to graduate which are: 1) Successfully completing 20 academic courses in six core
16 content areas; 2) Successfully completing a performance-based diploma assessment such as a
17 senior project, exhibition, or electronic portfolio; and 3) Reaching the level of partial proficiency
18 on the first administration of the state assessment or showing growth between the first and
19 subsequent administrations of the state assessment; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence
2 Plantations hereby supports a rigorous curriculum, high standards, and high expectations for all of
3 our students; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly hereby urges the Board of Education to
5 reconsider the current graduation requirements including the use of the state assessment and
6 examine using a weighted compilation of the state assessment, coursework performance, and
7 senior project or portfolio; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly respectfully requests that the Board of
9 Education delay the state assessment portion of the graduation requirement to allow for adequate
10 time for students to be immersed in the common core curriculum; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Chairperson of the Rhode Island Board of
13 Education.

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