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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Introduced By: Representatives Morgan, Giarrusso, Dickinson, Hull, and Phillips

Date Introduced: February 12, 2014

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-40-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-40 entitled "Private
2 Schools [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **16-40-2. Authority to grant degrees not presumed.** -- Authority to grant academic,
5 collegiate, professional, or other degrees recognizing learning, scholarship, or achievement shall
6 not be included in or presumed to be part of the functions of a corporation or of an institution of
7 education, unless its charter or the articles of association shall specifically ~~indicate that the~~
8 ~~institution is nonprofit and specifically~~ indicate the power to grant degrees and the nature of the
9 degrees to be granted; and no corporation or association shall grant academic, collegiate,
10 professional, or similar degrees without specific authorization from the appropriate board; and for
11 institutions offering an associates degree or higher, has received full New England Association of
12 Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation within five (5) years of its incorporation or
13 establishment within this state or five (5) years of being permitted to transact business within this
14 state.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would clarify the ability of for-profit educational institutions to offer academic
- 2 degrees.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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