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

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Crowley, Pichardo, Jabour, and Satchell

Date Introduced: January 30, 2014

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-7.1 of the General Laws entitled "The Paul W. Crowley Rhode
2 Island Student Investment Initiative [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of
3 Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

4 **16-7.1-13.1. Model notice; Notice; Reporting.** -- (a) The department of education shall
5 provide a model notice for all school districts to provide to parents and/or guardians of secondary
6 students identified as academically at risk on any state assessment. Said notice shall be clear,
7 concise and use lay person terminology. The model notice shall include the following:

8 (1) That the student is significantly below proficient;

9 (2) The support and intervention options available at the school;

10 (3) For juniors and seniors who have yet to meet any state assessment requirement for
11 graduation from high school, the opportunities and process to successfully meet any state
12 assessment requirement including the local waiver and appeal process; and

13 (4) Notice that students may be eligible for testing accommodations under the state
14 assessment administration protocols.

15 (b) If a secondary student performs significantly below proficient on a state assessment,
16 the school district shall provide the parents or guardians with a copy of the model notification
17 containing the appropriate information as identified in subsection (a).

18 (c) The department of elementary and secondary education shall make available the

1 [model notification on its website.](#)

2 [\(d\) Beginning two \(2\) months after the receipt of the results of a new state assessment](#)
3 [and annually thereafter, the department of education shall report to the board of education, the](#)
4 [governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house a report that shall contain the](#)
5 [following information and analysis:](#)

6 [\(1\) Aggregate student performance by grade, district, ethnicity, free and reduced lunch,](#)
7 [English language learner, and students with individualized education plans;](#)

8 [\(2\) Identification of any systemic technical problems or issues with the administration of](#)
9 [the state assessment and a corresponding plan for corrective action;](#)

10 [\(3\) Identification of student subpopulations with significant achievement gaps or other](#)
11 [evidence of low levels of academic performance based upon the state assessment results; and](#)

12 [\(4\) Any other relevant information that the department deems appropriate.](#)

13 SECTION 2. Section 16-67-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-67 entitled "Rhode
14 Island Literacy and Dropout Prevention Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

15 **16-67-3. Coordination with programs for special populations. --** It is required that
16 programs serving special population students be coordinated with the requirements of this
17 chapter. All these programs shall focus on literacy objectives to the extent appropriate for each
18 special population. All coordinating efforts shall not absolve participating school districts from
19 meeting all requirements of state and/or federal laws, regulations, and mandates. In particular,
20 programs for supplementary literacy instruction for educationally disadvantaged students in
21 kindergarten through grade twelve (12) shall meet the following criteria which shall be included
22 in a plan submitted annually and reviewed and approved by the department of elementary and
23 secondary education:

24 (1) Services shall be based on an annual assessment of need;

25 (2) Programs shall have performance objectives evaluated annually;

26 (3) Programs must provide supplementary services;

27 (4) Programs must be monitored by the department of elementary and secondary
28 education; ~~and~~

29 (5) School districts must keep records on the above and afford access to the records by
30 the department of elementary and secondary education: ~~;~~ [and](#)

31 [\(6\) Notice of compliance pursuant to § 16-7.1-13.1.](#)

32 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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1 This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education to create a
2 model notification for students who are identified as academically at risk on any state assessment
3 and would require the school district to provide notification to the parents or guardians of said
4 students.

5 This act would take effect on July 1, 2014.

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