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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Picard, Metts, Bates, and Gallo

Date Introduced: May 01, 2014

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. **Findings:**

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes that remedial courses may be a deterrent  
3 or an impediment to the completion of higher education degrees and certificates; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the best practices in remediation consists of students' enrollment in  
5 college-level courses while simultaneously receiving remedial support aligned to the college-level  
6 course(s); and

7 WHEREAS, Completion of a set of credit bearing courses for a program of study is a  
8 critical measure of success toward post-secondary higher education completion; and

9 WHEREAS, The content in required courses should align with the program of study,  
10 including, but not limited to, mathematics; and

11 WHEREAS, Enrollment in entry college-level courses should be the default placement  
12 for many more students than is current practice; and

13 WHEREAS, Students who are significantly underprepared for college-level academics  
14 require accelerated routes into programs of study through the use of programs, such as summer  
15 intensive programs designed to remediate many areas of general education courses; and

16 WHEREAS, Additional academic support should be integrated with a general education  
17 college-level course as a co-requisite and not a prerequisite; and

18 WHEREAS, The General Assembly is aware of the remedial writing pilot program  
19 modeled after Baltimore Community College's Accelerated Learning Program that is scheduled

1 to begin in the fall semester of 2014; therefore

2 The General Assembly does hereby introduce the "Remediation Act of 2014."

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 16-33.1 of the General Laws entitled "Community College of  
4 Rhode Island [ See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby  
5 amended by adding thereto the following section:

6 **16-33.1-7. Remediation in writing and reading reporting; new program design and**  
7 **schedule for mathematics remediation.** -- (a) The Community College of Rhode Island shall  
8 report by March 1 and annually thereafter, to the president of the senate, speaker of the house of  
9 representatives, governor and board of education the results of the pilot program for writing  
10 remediation that is scheduled to begin in the fall semester of 2014. Included in the report shall be  
11 a description of the pilot, the total number of students enrolled in the pilot, the number of those  
12 students who successfully completed the credit bearing general education writing requirement,  
13 number of students retained and for the number of semesters enrolled and any degrees or  
14 certificates earned. Moreover, the report shall include the schedule for college-wide expansion of  
15 the writing remediation program, if successful results are achieved. In addition, the report shall  
16 include the schedule and description regarding the expansion of the program into reading  
17 remediation.

18 (b) The Community College of Rhode Island shall report by April 1, 2015 to the  
19 president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, governor and board of education  
20 with a proposal on a redesign of the mathematics remediation program. This report shall include a  
21 description of the new delivery method(s) for mathematics remediation designed to further the  
22 student in completion of credit bearing courses and certificate and degree earning programs, the  
23 plan for implementation and the cost for implementation. The general assembly strongly  
24 encourages the Community College of Rhode Island to begin a program for mathematics  
25 remediation in the fall semester of 2016.

26 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would create the “Remediation Act of 2014” which would create a pilot program  
2   at CCRI for writing remediation and would mandate a report for the proposal on a redesign of the  
3   mathematics remediation program.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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