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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-22 of the General Laws entitled "Curriculum [See Title 16
2 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto
3 the following section:

4 **16-22-27. Availability of instruction in musical performance education. – (a) All**
5 secondary public schools including middle schools, or any other secondary schools managed and
6 controlled by the state shall offer as a part of the curriculum, courses in musical performing arts,
7 including, but not limited to, band, chorus, orchestra and other performance ensembles, with
8 emphasis upon development of aesthetic appreciation and the skills of creative expression.

9 (b) All secondary school principals shall meet annually with the music department to
10 analyze student scheduling to maximize music performing ensembles within the school
11 curriculum.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require public schools to offer courses in musical performing arts.
- 2 This act would take effect on July 1, 2015.

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