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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE  
BOARD RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Slater, Tobon, Barros, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: January 08, 2016

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 42-102 of the General Laws entitled "Governor's Workforce Board  
2 Rhode Island" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **42-102-13. Non-trade apprenticeship incentive program. -- (a) The workforce board**  
4 shall fund a non-trade apprenticeship incentive program for industries identified and approved by  
5 the board. This program shall meet the standards of apprenticeship programs defined pursuant to  
6 §28-45-9. The workforce board shall present the program to the state apprenticeship council,  
7 established pursuant to chapter 45 of title 28, for review and consideration.

8           (b) Program incentive. For each apprentice enrolled in a non-trade apprenticeship  
9 program subsequent to January 1, 2016, the workforce board shall establish a reimbursement  
10 incentive program, in accordance with the following provisions:

11           (1) The maximum amount that any one employer may receive for one or more  
12 apprentices within any twelve (12) month period under the terms of this section is five thousand  
13 dollars (\$5,000); and

14           (2) An employer shall not be eligible for the incentive reimbursement for an apprentice  
15 under the terms of this section until after the completion of the probationary period required  
16 pursuant to §28-45-9(2)(viii).

17           (c) The non-trade apprenticeship incentive program shall be funded with general revenue  
18 through the workforce development services program of the department of labor and training.

1           (d) In order to fully implement the provisions of this section, the workforce board is  
2 authorized to promulgate rules and regulations in consultation with the state apprenticeship  
3 council. The rules and regulations shall include how industries are identified and approved for  
4 participation in the program created by this section.

5           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would create a non-trade apprenticeship incentive program for board approved  
2 industries.

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