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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT

Introduced By: Representatives McEntee, and Craven

Date Introduced: May 04, 2016

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-100 of the General Laws entitled "Dual Enrollment Equal  
2 Opportunity Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **16-100-6. Funding and responsibility for costs. -- (a) As to all students participating in**  
4 **a dual enrollment program pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, all costs associated with a**  
5 **student attending a local institution of higher learning, such as a community college or university,**  
6 **shall be the sole responsibility of the student, the parent, or the guardian of such student, except**  
7 **as provided otherwise in subsections (b) and (d) of this section. Such costs shall include, but are**  
8 **not limited to, tuition, school and class fees, books, and transportation. Such costs shall not**  
9 **include any costs relating to the student's enrollment and attendance in a secondary school**  
10 **operated by the school district.**

11           **(b) All school districts shall provide assistance to students eligible for free or reduced**  
12 **lunch in identifying funding resources for participation in a dual enrollment program.**

13           **(c) School districts shall not be responsible to provide any accommodations for students**  
14 **at any institution of higher learning; provided, this section shall not limit in any way a school**  
15 **district's obligation to provide accommodations or services which are otherwise required to be**  
16 **provided to any student in any secondary school operated by the school district, including, but not**  
17 **limited to, special education services and section 504 plans pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §794 as**  
18 **amended.**

19           **(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, a school district may**

1 [elect to provide any services or pay any costs of students participating in a dual enrollment](#)  
2 [program. Further, this section shall not prohibit the state from providing funding for any services](#)  
3 [or costs of attendance or participation in a dual enrollment program.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that school districts would not be responsible to pay the costs  
2 associated with a student's attendance at a post-secondary institution pursuant to a dual  
3 enrollment program.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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