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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Gee, and Algieri

Date Introduced: February 11, 2016

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

3 **16-97-8.1. District assessment matrix. -- (a) Each school district shall, on an annual**
4 **basis, make public and furnish to the department of education a comprehensive assessment matrix**
5 **detailing and summarizing the district's assessment system. The assessment matrix shall include,**
6 **without limitation, grade levels, the types of assessments given, the subject matter being assessed,**
7 **how such data is being utilized, the total annual time spent on assessment, how assessments are**
8 **conducted, the cost of purchasing and scoring the assessments, identification of the entity**
9 **requiring the assessment (federal, state or local), the identity of any alternative test or voluntary**
10 **component (and, if so, the percentage of students applying for such alternative), and the identity**
11 **of the group that the assessment is measuring (student, teachers, school, district, state or any**
12 **combination thereof).**

13 **(b) The department of education shall coordinate with the school districts to promulgate**
14 **uniform rules and regulations in furtherance of this section.**

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

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EXPLANATION
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