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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: Senators Sosnowski, Algiere, and Gee

Date Introduced: March 09, 2016

Referred To: Senate Education

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

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

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

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

(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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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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