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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - CURRICULUM

Introduced By: Representatives Perez, Williams, Craven, Ucci, and Casimiro

Date Introduced: March 09, 2017

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

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           **16-22-28. Yearly field trips to nature preserve, reserve, or conservatory required.**

5           The general assembly recognizes the importance of a citizenry well educated in the  
6 principles of nature and our environment, as well as the general assembly's duty to provide for the  
7 preservation, regeneration and restoration of the natural environment of the state, as enunciated  
8 in the constitution of the state of Rhode Island. In light of this, public schools of this state,  
9 beginning in kindergarten and continuing through and including grade twelve (12), shall annually  
10 provide access for every student to at least one field trip to a nature preserve, reserve, or  
11 conservatory.

12           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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EXPLANATION  
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