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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT

Introduced By: Senators Cote, Lombardi, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: February 02, 2017

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 16-100-2, 16-100-3, and 16-100-4 of the General Laws in Chapter
2 16-100 entitled "Dual Enrollment Equal Opportunity Act" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **16-100-2. Definition.**

4 "Dual Enrollment" means that a student is enrolled in a secondary school [or is home](#)
5 [schooled at the secondary level](#), while simultaneously enrolled part-time or full-time at a local
6 institution of higher learning, such as a community college or university.

7 **16-100-3. Policy implemented.**

8 (a) The Board of Education shall prescribe by regulation a statewide dual enrollment
9 policy that shall allow students to enroll in courses at postsecondary institutions to satisfy
10 academic credit requirements in both high school, [including home schooling at the secondary](#)
11 [level](#), and the aforementioned postsecondary institutions. The regulations shall address the
12 postsecondary institution's graduation requirements, if any; the institution's ability to award
13 degrees/certificates in Rhode Island; the minimum course grade to receive credit at the student's
14 secondary school [or home schooling](#); and any other criteria that the Board deems appropriate. [The](#)
15 [board may limit the courses offered to home-schooled students to those courses being offered by](#)
16 [the school district in which the home-schooled student resides.](#)

17 (b) The board shall convene a workgroup, including, but not limited to, representatives
18 from the department of elementary and secondary education, the office of higher education,
19 superintendents, school committees, public higher education institutions, guidance counselors,

1 and teachers. The purpose of the workgroup is to consider and advise the board as to a dual
2 enrollment policy and its possible effect on school funding pursuant to section 16-7.2, academic
3 supports, transportation, possible shared costs of the education, possible fee schedules, manners
4 in which low-income students could access the program and, possible contracted tuition costs
5 with our public higher education institutions.

6 **16-100-4. Dual enrollment adoption.**

7 School districts and schools must adopt the statewide dual enrollment policy promulgated
8 pursuant to this section by June 30, 2015. All school districts, charter schools, career and
9 technical schools, approved private day or residential schools, [home schoolers](#), and collaborative
10 schools shall be subject to the requirements of this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would extend the benefits of the dual enrollment equal opportunity act to cover
2 home-schooled students.

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