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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: Senators Morgan, Paolino, Kettle, and Cote

Date Introduced: March 02, 2017

Referred To: Senate Education

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. Instruction in cursive penmanship.**

5 Commencing September 1, 2017, all children in grades one through six (6) attending
6 public schools, or any other schools managed and controlled by the state, shall receive in those
7 schools instruction in cursive penmanship under rules and regulations the department of
8 elementary and secondary education may prescribe or approve during periods which shall average
9 at least twenty (20) minutes in each school day. No private school or private instruction shall be
10 approved by any school committee for the purposes of §16-19-2 as substantially equivalent to that
11 required by law of a child attending a public school in the same city and/or town unless
12 instruction in cursive penmanship similar to that required in public schools shall be given.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require elementary schools to provide instruction in cursive penmanship.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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