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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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AUTHORIZING THE NORTH KINGSTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A
POLICY ON EARLY ENTRY TO KINDERGARTEN

Introduced By: Senator Mark W. Gee

Date Introduced: April 12, 2017

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of §16-2-27, the North Kingstown School
2 Committee may develop a policy to allow a child who has not attained five (5) years of age on or
3 before September 1 of any school year, to be eligible to attend kindergarten for all the days that
4 the kindergarten is in session during that school year. If a child is so enrolled in kindergarten
5 under this policy, the attendance requirements of §16-19-1 shall apply. Any policy must include
6 school-readiness criteria to be applied on an individual basis. Any policy must provide children
7 turning five (5) years of age after September 1 of the school year may be enrolled in kindergarten
8 that same school year only if they are determined to be school-ready on the basis of relevant,
9 established criteria.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would allow the North Kingstown School Committee to develop a policy that
2 would allow a child who has not attained five (5) years of age on or before September 1 of any
3 school year, to be eligible to attend kindergarten for all the days that the kindergarten is in session
4 during that school year. Any policy would need to include school-readiness criteria to be applied
5 on an individual basis.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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