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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
ACT - FOUNDATION EDUCATION AID

Introduced By: Representatives Shanley, Casimiro, Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, and
Marshall

Date Introduced: January 25, 2018

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-7.2-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-7.2 entitled "The
2 Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **16-7.2-4. Determination of state's share.**

4 (a) For each district, the state's share of the foundation education aid calculated pursuant
5 to § 16-7.2-3(a) shall use a calculation that considers a district's revenue-generating capacity and
6 concentration of high-need students. The calculation is the square root of the sum of the state-
7 share ratio for the community calculation, pursuant to § 16-7-20, squared plus the district's
8 percentage of students in grades PK-6 in poverty status squared, divided by two.

9 (b) For purposes of determining the state's share, school district student data used in this
10 calculation shall include charter school and state school students. These ratios are used in the
11 permanent foundation education aid formula calculation described in § 16-7.2-5.

12 (c) Whenever any funds are appropriated to any school district under this section, the city
13 or town of that school district shall appropriate no less than ten percent (10%) of the state's share
14 each fiscal year to the maintenance, repair, renovation and/or construction of the school facilities.
15 This subsection is in addition to, and shall not reduce, or construed to be money being spent
16 through the school building authority set forth in chapter 105 of title 16 and chapter 8.2 of title
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1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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1 This act would require any municipality which receives state educational aid pursuant to
2 the foundation education aid to allocate at least ten percent (10%) of the state's share to the
3 maintenance, repair, renovation and/or construction of the school facilities.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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