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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STATE AID

Introduced By: Representatives Marshall, Donovan, Morin, Johnston, and Casey

Date Introduced: February 09, 2018

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-5 of the General Laws entitled "State Aid [See Title 16 Chapter
2 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto the
3 following section:

4 **16-5-35. Education achievement incentive bonus program.**

5 (a) There is created and established a program to be known as the "education
6 achievement incentive bonus program."

7 (b) The purpose of this program is to reward those school systems that meet or exceed
8 annual education goals and/or standards established by the Rhode Island department of education
9 to the extent of any funds appropriated by the general assembly in any given fiscal year. Any
10 funds appropriated for this purpose shall be in addition to any funds allotted to a school system
11 pursuant to the provisions of chapter 7.2 of this title.

12 (c) The commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate any rules
13 or regulations deemed necessary for the operation of the education achievement incentive bonus
14 program. The decision of the commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall be final
15 on all questions regarding bonuses based on the tabulations of the Rhode Island department of
16 education relating to achievement of the annual goals and/or standards.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would create the education achievement incentive bonus program to be funded
2 by an appropriation by the general assembly to reward school systems that meet or exceed annual
3 education goals and/or standards established by the Rhode Island department of education. The
4 bonus would be in addition to any funds awarded pursuant to the state funding formula.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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