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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Introduced By: Senators Sheehan, Satchell, Gallo, McCaffrey, and Pearson

Date Introduced: February 01, 2018

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-77 of the General Laws entitled "Establishment of Charter
2 Public Schools [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby
3 amended by adding thereto the following section:

4 **16-77-13. Sending districts to have membership on board of directors.**

5 Effective July 1, 2018, charter public schools as defined in §16-77-2.1(4) shall include on
6 their board of governors or trustees one school committee member or their designee as appointed
7 by the respective school committees from each school district that comprises five percent (5%) or
8 more of the total number of students, as defined in § 16-7-22(1), enrolled in the charter public
9 school. In the event a charter public school does not have a board of governors, trustees, or
10 similar body, such a body shall be established by each charter public school or organization to
11 ensure public representation in the supervision of the public charter school including, but not
12 limited to, the expenditure of public resources. Members of the board appointed pursuant to this
13 section shall have a term equal to that of the state fiscal year. For purposes of determining the
14 authorization to appoint a member pursuant to this section the enrollment of students for the prior
15 fiscal year of the appointment shall be used.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require school committees to appoint one designee to the board of
2 directors of the governing body of any charter public school where students who are residents of
3 the school committee's district comprise at least five percent (5%) of the student body at the
4 charter public school.

5 This act would take effect July 1, 2018.

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