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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: Representatives McEntee, Amore, Donovan, Craven, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: January 24, 2019

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

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 September 1, 2019, charter public schools as defined in § 16-77-2.1(4) shall
6 include on their board of governors or trustees one member appointed by the school committee of
7 the host school district with the consent of the charter public school; provided, however, that the
8 charter public school shall not unreasonably withhold its approval. Said appointee shall be a
9 school committee member of either the host district or any district sending students to the charter
10 public school. In the event a charter public school, as defined in § 16-77-2.1(4), does not have a
11 board of governors, trustees, or a governing body, such a body shall be established to ensure
12 public representation in the governance of the charter public school. The charter public school
13 governing board shall be responsible for, but not be limited to, the expenditures of public funds,
14 the running of fair and equitable lotteries for attendance at the school and to ensure that students
15 attending the school reflect, the diversity of the sending districts, with regard to ethnicity, special
16 education and income levels. Members of the board appointed by the host school committee will
17 serve at the pleasure of the said committee.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 2019.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize school committees of a host district to appoint one designee to
2 the board of directors of the governing body of any charter public school.

3 This act would take effect September 1, 2019.

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