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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MINIMUM WAGES

Introduced By: Representatives Shanley, Shekarchi, Williams, Lyle, and Barros

Date Introduced: February 07, 2019

Referred To: House Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 28-12 of the General Laws entitled "Minimum Wages" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **28-12-3.3. Minimum wages for employees of developmental disabilities**  
4 **organizations.**

5           (a) Commencing July 1, 2019, every covered employer providing services to five (5) or  
6 more persons with developmental disabilities, that are reimbursed for such services by the state,  
7 shall pay each of their employees, no less than thirteen dollars and seventy seven cents (\$13.77)  
8 per hour. Commencing July 1, 2020, every covered employer providing services to five (5) or  
9 more persons with developmental disabilities, that are reimbursed for such services by the state,  
10 shall pay of their employees, no less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour. For the purposes of  
11 this section, covered employers are those developmental disability organizations licensed to  
12 provide services pursuant to § 40.1-24-3.

13           (b) Appropriation. The state general revenues and federal funds appropriation(s) to the  
14 department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities, and hospitals for services for the  
15 developmentally disabled shall increase to programs that provide services to adults with  
16 developmental disabilities in order to adjust to the minimum wage increase enacted in § 28-12-  
17 3.3.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require certain employers who provide services to people with  
2 developmental disabilities to pay their employees no less than thirteen dollars and seventy seven  
3 cents (\$13.77) per hour commencing July 1, 2019 and fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour  
4 commencing on July 1, 2020. This wage increase shall be funded by increased appropriation(s) to  
5 the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities, and hospitals.

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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