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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PRIVATE SCHOOLS [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97--  
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT]

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Gallo, Lawson, Satchell, and Pearson

Date Introduced: March 21, 2019

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-40-12 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-40 entitled "Private  
2 Schools [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **16-40-12. Schools instructing persons above compulsory school age.**

5 (a) All private schools offering instruction in any academic or vocational field to students  
6 above the compulsory school age shall be registered at the department of elementary and  
7 secondary education or the office of ~~higher education~~ the postsecondary commissioner, the  
8 registry showing the name of the school, the location, the names of the officers or persons in  
9 charge, the field or fields in which instruction is to be given, the rate of tuition to be charged, and  
10 the training and experience of the teachers. These schools shall not operate until they have  
11 received the approval of the ~~board of regents for~~ council on elementary and secondary education  
12 or the ~~board of governors for higher~~ council on postsecondary education and shall continue to  
13 operate only as long as the approval remains in force. These schools shall report annually to the  
14 appropriate ~~board~~ council, in the month of July, on prescribed forms furnished by the department  
15 or office, showing the number of different pupils enrolled, the fields of instruction covered, the  
16 length of the course, the number of teachers employed, and any other facts that the board may  
17 require.

18 (b) A proposed school seeking approval to operate by the council on postsecondary

1 education pursuant to this chapter shall demonstrate financial stability, quality academic  
2 programs that address projected workforce needs of the state, and shall comply with rules and  
3 regulations promulgated by the council.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require a proposed private school to demonstrate financial stability,  
2           quality academic programs that address workforce needs and would comply with the rules of the  
3           council on elementary and secondary education or the council on postsecondary education.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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