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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**URGING THE CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DEPARTMENT TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT
BUSING DISPUTE**

Introduced By: Representative James N. McLaughlin

Date Introduced: July 29, 2020

Referred To: House Municipal Government

1 WHEREAS, To date, the Cumberland School Department has failed to come to a student
2 busing agreement with respect to the transportation of pupils in grades kindergarten through
3 twelve (K-12) for the school year 2020-2021; and

4 WHEREAS, Pupils in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12) were previously
5 required to walk one-fourth of a mile to a bus stop and are currently required to walk three-
6 fourths of a mile to a bus stop; and

7 WHEREAS, In accordance with § 16-21.1-2, it is in the interest of public safety, health,
8 and welfare for pupils in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12), or in special education
9 programs, who attend public schools, to be provided bus transportation to the school or facility
10 which the pupil attends, within the region in which the pupil resides, by the school committee of
11 the city or town within which the pupil resides; and

12 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the public that the Cumberland School
13 Department comes to an agreement with respect to the transportation of pupils in grades
14 kindergarten through twelve (K-12), on or before August 15, 2020, so that there is minimal
15 disruption in the transportation of pupils; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
17 urges the Cumberland School Department to negotiate with all deliberate speed and in good faith
18 to come to an agreement with respect to the transportation of pupils in grades kindergarten
19 through twelve (K-12), on or before August 15, 2020; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Paul DiModica, Chair of the Cumberland
3 School Committee, and Robert Mitchell, Superintendent of the Cumberland School Department.

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