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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF  
ACT

Introduced By: Representative James N. McLaughlin

Date Introduced: February 02, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-7.2 of the General Laws entitled "The Education Equity and  
2 Property Tax Relief Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **16-7.2-11. Release of certain funds by the department to the Cumberland school**  
4 **district.**

5           On or before April 1, 2022, the department of elementary and secondary education shall  
6 release to the town of Cumberland, for direct and immediate appropriation to the Cumberland  
7 school district, the amount, if any, of the state's share of foundation education aid for the fiscal year  
8 commencing July 1, 2021, which amount was determined pursuant to § 16-7.2-4, and which  
9 education aid was withheld and subtracted from the state's share to Cumberland as a setoff for funds  
10 received by the Cumberland school district from the Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief  
11 Fund, commonly referred to as the "ESSER Fund," or from the supplemental ESSER funding,  
12 commonly referred to as "ESSER II" or "ESSER III" funding.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would direct the department of elementary and secondary education to release to  
2 the town of Cumberland any part of state education aid which was withheld as a setoff for any  
3 money received from the ESSER Fund or from ESSER II or ESSER III funding.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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