

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT

Introduced By: Senators Zurier, Ciccone, DiPalma, and Pearson

Date Introduced: March 23, 2023

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-97 of the General Laws entitled "The Rhode Island Board of
2 Education Act" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-97-11. American rescue plan fiscal accountability and transparency.**

4 (a) The board of education and council on elementary and secondary education shall
5 require all school districts and local education agencies to report on a standardized form each fiscal
6 year, relating to any and all of the American Rescue plan, elementary and secondary school
7 emergency relief, and state and local recovery funds, the following information:

8 (1) Amounts received;

9 (2) Amounts allocated with project/program description;

10 (3) Amounts spent on hiring staff;

11 (4) Job titles hired or retained with aforesaid funds;

12 (5) Premium pay amount issued to employees and type of employees compensated;

13 (6) Total amount of funds not spent and remaining, if any; and

14 (b) Said reports shall be published on the department of education's website for public
15 inspection and review.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 44-35 of the General Laws entitled "Property Tax and Fiscal
17 Disclosure — Municipal Budgets" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

18 **44-35-11. American rescue plan fiscal accountability and transparency.**

19 (a) All cities and towns shall provide to their municipal finance department a report on a

1 standardized form each fiscal year, relating to any and all of the American Rescue plan, elementary
2 and secondary school emergency relief, and state and local recovery funds, the following
3 information:

- 4 (1) Amounts received;
- 5 (2) Amounts allocated with project/program description;
- 6 (3) Amounts spent on hiring staff;
- 7 (4) Job titles hired or retained with aforesaid funds;
- 8 (5) Premium pay amount issued to employees and type of employees compensated;
- 9 (6) Total amount of funds not spent and remaining, if any; and
- 10 (b) Said reports shall be published on the division of municipal finance's website for public
11 inspection and review.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require every school district, local education agency, city and town to report
2 each fiscal year relating to funding, administrative and program information from the American
3 Rescue plan, elementary and secondary school emergency relief, and state and local recovery funds.
4 The school district reports would be published on the department of education website and city and
5 town reports on the division of municipal finance website.

6 This act would take effect on July 1, 2023.

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