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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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

Introduced By: Representatives Canario, Edwards, Finn, Gallison, and Ferri

Date Introduced: January 30, 2013

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. Maximum rate increases -- Providers of special education services. -- As**
4 **to any public school and/or any private school which receives state and/or municipal funding to**
5 **provide special education services, from one year to the next, said school shall not increase its**
6 **charges to a municipality, state, or local educational agency sending the student and/or which is**
7 **responsible for the payment of special services, in an amount in excess of the maximum levy**
8 **which a municipality may increase its tax rate or levy pursuant to the provisions of chapter 44-5**
9 **("Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes"). Provided, this limitation shall not apply in those**
10 **instances where there is a significant change in the services provided to the student and the school**
11 **providing services gives at least thirty (30) days written notice to the sending district of the**
12 **school's intention to increase its rate and the reasons for such increase.**

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would limit the amount by which schools providing special education services to
2 students from other districts, including, but not limited to, private schools providing special
3 education services, could raise their fees for providing said services. The limitation would be tied
4 in to the maximum tax rate increase by which a municipality may increase its tax levy pursuant to
5 chapter 44-5.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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