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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Cimini, Naughton, Tanzi, E Coderre, and Fellela

Date Introduced: January 30, 2014

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-7.1-13 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-7.1 entitled "The Paul
2 W. Crowley Rhode Island Student Investment Initiative" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~**16-7.1-13. State leadership in conducting annual assessments of student**~~
4 ~~**performance.** -- Setting high standards for student performance must be paired with related~~
5 ~~assessments that will determine what progress the state is making toward bringing all children to~~
6 ~~high levels of achievement. A state assessment program shall be continued and expanded in core~~
7 ~~areas (mathematics, reading, writing and health). The program shall include performance~~
8 ~~standards and an annual report that disaggregates performance by race, poverty, native language~~
9 ~~and gender. The general assembly shall annually appropriate funds to support the programs, and~~
10 ~~the amount shall be recalculated annually. The commissioner of education shall implement the~~
11 ~~state assessment program.~~

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

14 **16-97-8. Assessment of student performance.** -- (a) The commissioner of education
15 shall implement the state assessment program. The program shall include performance standards
16 and an annual report that disaggregates performance by race, poverty, native language and
17 gender. The general assembly shall annually appropriate funds to support the programs, and the
18 amount shall be recalculated annually.

19 (b) Prior to July 1, 2019, no state assessment conducted pursuant to this chapter, and no

1 [other standardized testing program or assessment, shall be used to determine a student's eligibility](#)
2 [to graduate from high school. Any such assessments implemented prior to July 1, 2019, shall be](#)
3 [used to promote school improvement and to target remediation programs to individual students](#)
4 [and groups of students.](#)

5 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would amend the method by which the state assessment program would be
2 implemented in public schools. The act would provide that no state assessment conducted
3 pursuant to chapter 16-97 and prior to July 1, 2019, would be used to determine a student's
4 eligibility to graduate from high school.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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