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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM [SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 – THE
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT]

Introduced By: Representatives Roberts, Quattrocchi, Price, Casimiro, and Nardone

Date Introduced: February 26, 2020

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-22 of the General Laws entitled "Curriculum [See Title 16
2 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto
3 the following section:

4 **16-22-34. Instruction in sexual education.**

5 Any school providing instruction in sexual education to students, prior to providing such
6 instruction to students, shall provide sexual education curriculum to every parent or legal
7 guardian that has a child in that school, in a form comprehensible to the parent or legal guardian.
8 Every parent or legal guardian shall consent, in writing, to the instruction of such sexual
9 education curriculum provided to that parent or legal guardian for any child in which they are
10 exercising custodial rights.

11 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 provide that any school teaching sexual education to students shall
2 provide the sexual education curriculum to every parent or legal guardian with a child in that
3 school, and the parent or legal guardian shall consent, in writing, to the teaching of such sexual
4 education curriculum to their child.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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