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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018**

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RELATING TO EDUCATION

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Pearson, Seveney, Coyne, and Calkin

Date Introduced: January 11, 2018

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

4           **16-2-9.6. Joint purchasing agreements for technology and IT infrastructure.**

5           Notwithstanding any other law or rule, any two (2) or more school committees may  
6 establish joint purchasing agreements between and among themselves or with the Rhode Island  
7 Society of Technology Educators ("RISTE"), a domestic nonprofit corporation, for the purposes  
8 of establishing bids pursuant to chapter 55 of title 45, and jointly purchasing technology related  
9 goods and services. The RISTE, acting on behalf of any school committee(s) that are members of  
10 a joint purchasing agreement with RISTE, may establish specifications and bid on behalf of such  
11 member school districts. The RISTE shall comply with bidding requirements of chapter 55 of title  
12 45. The RISTE and any consortia created pursuant to a joint purchase agreement under this  
13 chapter shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits set forth in §37-2-56.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would allow school committees and the Rhode Island Society of Technology
- 2 Educators ("RISTE") to enter into joint purchase agreements for the purchase of technology and
- 3 IT infrastructure.
- 4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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