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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ADULT EDUCATION

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Archambault, Goldin, Pichardo, and E O'Neill

Date Introduced: January 30, 2014

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-63 of the General Laws entitled "Adult Education [ See Title 16  
2 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto  
3 the following section:

4           **16-63-18. High school equivalency tests -- Costs.** – (a) The board shall consider all  
5 available high school equivalency tests that adhere to state academic standards in determining  
6 which test shall be utilized and recognized by the state. Putting a priority on achieving the lowest  
7 cost to test takers, the board shall also consider:

8           (1) The recognition of the test, or lack thereof, by other states;

9           (2) The portability of the test; and

10          (3) Such other criteria that meet the needs of the test-takers.

11          (b) The board shall adopt regulations for a waiver of the fees associated with the high  
12 school equivalency test that shall include a sliding-fee scale as determined by the Rhode Island  
13 department of elementary and secondary education.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would require the board of education to consider several factors in determining  
2           which high school equivalency test would be recognized by the state. Such facts would include  
3           cost, the recognition of the test by other states, and other criteria.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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