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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, and Valverde

Date Introduced: February 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Education

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 the
3 following section:

4 **16-22-4.3. Instruction in specially designed physical education.**

5 (a) Any city or town may enact a municipal ordinance, to provide that any specially
6 designed physical education instruction that is provided as part of a student's individualized
7 education program (IEP) shall be open to all students choosing to participate; provided that, the
8 student agrees to be incorporated into the specially designed physical education class as a "partner"
9 to help implement the program and accompany and assist the student who requires the IEP.
10 "Partner" for purposes of this section means any student who enrolls in a specially designed
11 physical education class which is part of another student's IEP to serve as a partner to provide
12 assistance to the student.

13 (b) Students participating as partners under this section shall receive full credit towards
14 their graduation requirements as a full participant of the physical education class as if the class
15 were offered pursuant to § 16-22-4 and each class hour spent as a partner under this section shall
16 count as an hour of education as requires by § 16-22-4.

17 (c) Participating as a partner under this section shall be subject to procedures regarding
18 eligibility and approval by the individual school administration.

19 (d) The department of education is hereby authorized to promulgate rules and regulations

1 [necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would enable cities and towns to enact enabling legislation authorizing a partner
- 2 program to assist students with an IEP for specially designed physical education classes.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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