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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Miller, Goldin, Nesselbush, and Gallo

Date Introduced: February 15, 2018

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 28-12 of the General Laws entitled "Minimum Wages" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **28-12-3.3. Minimum wages for employees of developmental disabilities**  
4 **organizations.**

5 Commencing July 1, 2018, every covered employer providing services to five (5) or more  
6 persons with developmental disabilities, that are reimbursed for such services by the state, shall  
7 pay each of their employees, no less than thirteen dollars and eighteen cents (\$13.18) per hour.  
8 Commencing July 1, 2019, every covered employer providing services to five (5) or more persons  
9 with developmental disabilities, that are reimbursed for such services by the state, shall pay of  
10 their employees, no less than fourteen dollars and nine cents (\$14.09) per hour. Commencing July  
11 1, 2020, every covered employer providing services to five (5) or more persons with  
12 developmental disabilities, that are reimbursed for such services by the state, shall pay of their  
13 employees, no less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per hour. For the purposes of this section,  
14 covered employers are those developmental disability organizations licensed to provide services  
15 pursuant to § 40.1-24-3.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would gradually increase the minimum hourly wage, for employees of covered  
2 employers who provide services to five (5) or more persons with developmental disabilities and  
3 are reimbursed by the state, from thirteen dollars and eighteen cents (\$13.18) to fifteen dollars  
4 (\$15.00) per hour.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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