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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT

Introduced By: Senators Lauria, Britto, and Lawson

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-7-17 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-7 entitled "Foundation
2 Level School Support [See Title 16 Chapter 97 — The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **16-7-17. Time of payment of state's share of the basic program and approved**
5 **expenditures.**

6 There shall be paid by the state to each community in twelve (12) monthly installments an
7 amount as determined by law to be the state's share of the cost of the basic program for the reference
8 year and all approved expenditures in excess of the basic program for the reference year, provided,
9 however, that these payments to a community shall be reduced by the amount of funds deposited
10 by the department into the local education agency EPSDT account in accordance with § 40-8-18
11 on behalf of the community. The July payment shall be two and fifty-four hundredths percent
12 (2.54%) of the state's share based upon the estimated pupil data, valuation data, and expenditure
13 data for the reference year and the August through June payments shall each be eight and eighty-
14 six hundredths percent (8.86%) of the aid due and payable based upon the data for the reference
15 year, ~~except for the city of East Providence which shall be paid during October and April in~~
16 ~~accordance with chapter 344 of the Public Laws of 1982.~~ This payment schedule of twelve (12)
17 monthly installments shall also apply to the city of East Providence, notwithstanding any provisions
18 to the contrary contained in Pub. L. 2012, ch. 241, art. 12, § 5.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide that the state's share of the basic program and approved
2 expenditures under foundation level school support would be paid to the city of East Providence in
3 twelve (12) monthly installments, as opposed to being paid in only two installments in April and
4 October.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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