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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY

Introduced By: Senator John J. Tassoni

Date Introduced: March 04, 2010

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-57 of the General Laws entitled "Higher Education Assistance  
2 Authority" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **16-57-6.8. Student assessment fee for municipal services. -- (a) Notwithstanding any**  
4 **statute, regulation or charter to the contrary, commencing with the fiscal year starting July 1,**  
5 **2010, the town of Smithfield is authorized to assess a fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per**  
6 **semester, or one hundred dollars (\$100) per trimester, upon Bryant University for each full-time**  
7 **student at a private institution of higher education within said city or town for the express purpose**  
8 **of off-setting, in part, the municipality's costs of providing police, fire, rescue, and other**  
9 **municipal services to students. As to an educational institution which has a campus and/or**  
10 **educational facilities in more than one city or town, the assessment shall be given to the**  
11 **municipalities on a prorated basis, based upon the student population at the respective campus**  
12 **and/or educational facility.**

13           **(b) For purposes of this section, a full-time student shall be deemed to be a student**  
14 **undertaking twelve (12) or more credits in that semester or trimester at the institution.**

15           **(c) Any student who is a bona fide resident of the State of Rhode Island who has**  
16 **demonstrated payment of real estate taxes by the student or his or her parent or guardian to a**  
17 **Rhode Island municipality during the relevant semester or trimester shall be exempt from this**  
18 **student assessment fee.**

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would provide for an assessment of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) per semester  
2 or one hundred dollars (\$100) per trimester against Bryant University for each full-time non-  
3 resident student at private institutions of higher education. The fee would be apportioned to the  
4 municipality where the students are located to off-set costs for police, fire, rescue, and other  
5 municipal services.

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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