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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF RHODE ISLAND TO REPORT TO THE
SENATE ON REMEDIATION REFORM

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Picard, Metts, Bates, and Gallo

Date Introduced: June 20, 2014

Referred To: Placed on Senate Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Remedial courses may be a deterrent or an impediment to the completion of
2 higher education degrees and certificates; and

3 WHEREAS, One of the best practices in remediation consists of students' enrollment in
4 college-level courses while simultaneously receiving remedial support aligned to the college-level
5 course(s); and

6 WHEREAS, Completion of a set of credit-bearing courses for a program of study is a
7 critical measure of success toward post-secondary higher education completion; and

8 WHEREAS, The content in required courses should align with the program of study,
9 including, but not limited to, mathematics; and

10 WHEREAS, Enrollment in entry college-level courses should be the default placement
11 for many more students than is current practice; and

12 WHEREAS, Students who are significantly underprepared for college-level academics
13 require accelerated routes into programs of study through the use of programs, such as summer
14 intensive programs designed to remediate many areas of general education courses; and

15 WHEREAS, Additional academic support should be integrated with a general education
16 college-level course as a co-requisite and not a prerequisite; and

17 WHEREAS, A remedial writing pilot program modeled after Baltimore Community
18 College's Accelerated Learning Program is scheduled to begin in the fall semester of 2014; now,
19 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby respectfully requests that the Community College of Rhode Island provides a report on or
3 before March 1, 2015, and annually thereafter, to the President of the Senate, with the results of
4 the pilot program for writing remediation that is scheduled to begin in the fall semester of 2014.
5 The report should include a description of the pilot, the total number of students enrolled in the
6 pilot, the number of those students who successfully completed the credit-bearing general
7 education writing requirement, number of students retained and for the number of semesters
8 enrolled and any degrees or certificates earned. Additionally, the report shall discuss the schedule
9 for college-wide expansion of the writing remediation program, if successful results are achieved,
10 and the schedule and description regarding the expansion of the program into reading
11 remediation; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby respectfully requests the Community College of
13 Rhode Island to report on or before April 1, 2015, to the President of the Senate, a proposal on a
14 redesign of the mathematics remediation program. This report should include a description of the
15 new delivery method(s) for mathematics remediation designed to further the student in
16 completion of credit-bearing courses and certificate and degree earning programs, the plan for
17 implementation and the cost for implementation; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the President of the Community College of
20 Rhode Island.

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