

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 257

EFFECTIVE ~~APPROVED~~ May 30, 2005

WHEREAS, The City of Providence feels rural school systems require adequate funding, but is never provided sufficient funding; and

WHEREAS, Senator Paul Fogarty has submitted a bill providing for an annual minimum five percent increase in state aid to education; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2005-S-0064 will increase the state aid to education funding for all communities, benefiting both rural and urban school districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence expresses its full support to Senate Bill 2005-S-0064, An Act Relating to Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Representative Brian Kennedy, Senator Kevin Breene, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, Senator Paul Fogarty and the remaining 38 Cities and Towns in Rhode Island.

CITY COUNCIL
MAY 19 2005
READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature:

Michael R. Clement

Michael R. Clement
City Clerk

IN CITY COUNCIL
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FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
STATE LEGISLATION

Charles R. Wheat CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
STATE LEGISLATION
Recommends Approval

Claire E. Bestorick
may 12, 2005 CLERK

Council President Lombardi (By Request)

2005 -- S 0064

LC00523**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND****IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY****JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2005**

A N A C T**RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE****Introduced By:** Senators P Fogarty, Tassoni, Blais, Breene, and Connors**Date Introduced:** January 13, 2005**Referred To:** Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1-1 SECTION 1. Section 16-7.1-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-7.1 entitled "The
1-2 Rhode Island Student Investment Initiative" is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 1-3 **16-7.1-15. The Rhode Island student investment initiative.** -- (a) Each locally or
1-4 regionally operated school district shall receive ~~as a base the same~~ a five percent (5%) increase in
1-5 the amount of school aid as each district received in fiscal year 1997-1998, adjusted to reflect the
1-6 increases or decreases in aid enacted to meet the minimum and maximum funding levels
1-7 established for FY 2000 through FY 2004 2005. Each school district shall also receive school aid
1-8 through each investment fund for which that district qualifies pursuant to sections 16-7.1-8, 16-
1-9 7.1-9, 16-7.1-10, 16-7.1-11, 16-7.1-12, 16-7.1-16 and 16-7.1-19. These sums shall be in addition
1-10 to the base amount described in this section. For FY 2006 total school aid distributed under the
1-11 investment funds enumerated above shall constitute not less than a five percent (5%) increase in
1-12 aid received in FY 2004 under sections 16-7.1-6, 16-7.1-8, 16-7.1-9, 16-7.1-10, 16-7.1-11, 16-
1-13 7.1-12, 16-7.1-15(d), 16-7.1-16, and 16-7.1-19. Calculation and distribution of education aid

under sections 16-5-31, 16-5-32, 16-7-20, 16-7-20.5, 16-7-34.2, 16-7-34.3, 16-24-6, 16-54-4, and 16-67-4 is hereby suspended. The funding of the purposes and activities of chapter 67 of this title, the Rhode Island Literacy and Dropout Prevention Act of 1967, shall be the same amount of the base amount of each district funded for that purpose in fiscal year 1997-1998. In addition each district shall expend three percent (3%) of its student equity and early childhood funds under the provisions of chapter 67 of this title.

(b) Funding for full day kindergarten programs in accordance with section 16-7.1-11.1 shall be in addition to funding received under this section.

(c) Funding distributed under sections 16-77.1-2(b) and 16-64-1.1 shall be in addition to funding distributed under this section.

(d) There shall be an appropriation to ensure that total aid distributed to communities in FY 2005 under this section and sections 16-7.1-11.1, 16-64-1.1 and 16-77.1-2(b) shall be not less than aid received in FY 2004.

(e) Children with disabilities. - (1) Based on its review of special education within the context of Rhode Island school reform, the general assembly recommends addressing the needs of all children and preventing disability through scientific research based, as described in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Title 1, Part B, Section 1208 [20 U.S.C. section 6368] reading instruction and the development of Personal Literacy Programs for students in the early grades performing below grade level in reading and implement a system of student accountability that will enable the state to track individual students over time. Additionally, the department of elementary and secondary education must provide districts with rigorous criteria and procedures for identifying students with learning disabilities and speech/language impairments. Additional study is required of factors that influence programming for students with low incidence disabilities; those with disabilities that severely compromise life functions; and programming for students with disabilities through urban special education. Alternatives for funding special education require examination.

(2) All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish any advice and information, documentary and otherwise, to the general assembly and its agents that is deemed necessary or desirable by the study to facilitate the purposes of this section.

 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF

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**RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT
INITIATIVE**

- 3-1 This act would provide for an annual minimum five percent (5%) increase in state aid to
3-2 education.
3-3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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Town Clerk's Office

TOWN HOUSE ROAD, HOPKINTON, R. I. 02833

February 24, 2005

To: Honorable RI City & Town Councils

From: Lorraine Tarket-Arruda
Deputy Town Clerk/Hopkinton

Re: Senate Bill 2005S-0064

Enclosed please find a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Hopkinton Town Council on February 22, 2005 in support of the above referenced Senate Bill introduced by Senator Paul Fogarty. The Town Council encourages your community to consider support of said bill.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Lorraine Tarket-Arruda
Deputy Town Clerk/Hopkinton

Enclosure

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2005S-0064
AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, The Town of Hopkinton feels rural school systems require adequate funding, but is never provided sufficient funding, and

WHEREAS, Senator Paul Fogarty has submitted a bill providing for an annual minimum five percent increase in state aid to education, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2005S-0064 will increase the state aid to education funding for all communities, benefiting both rural and urban school districts, now therefore be it resolved

RESOLVED: The Town of Hopkinton expresses its full support to Senate Bill 2005S-0064, An Act Relating to Education

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Representative Brian Kennedy, Senator Kevin Breene, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, Senator Paul Fogarty and the remaining 38 Cities and Towns in Rhode Island.

Adopted: February 22, 2005

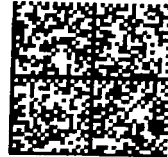
ATTEST: Lorraine Tarket-Arruda
Lorraine Tarket-Arruda
Deputy Town Clerk

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Honorable Providence Town Council
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Town of South Kingstown, R.I.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
CLERK OF THE TOWN COUNCIL AND PROBATE COURT

Town Hall, 180 High Street
Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879

Dale S. Holberton
Town Clerk & Probate Clerk
401-789-9331

June 29, 2005

Michael R. Clement, City Clerk
City of Providence
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Clement:

Thank you for providing us with the resolution recently adopted by your City Council in support of Senate Bill 2005 S-0064, *An Act Relating to Education* which would increase state aid to education funding for all communities.

At their meeting held on Monday, June 27, 2005 the South Kingstown Town Council voted that your communication be received and placed on file.

No further action was taken at that time.

Very truly yours,

Susan M. Flynn, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk

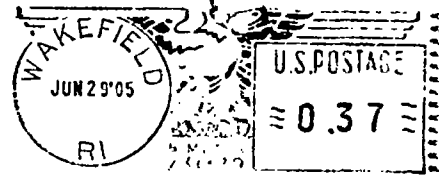
cc: Town Manager

Town Of South Kingstown

Town Clerk's Office

P.O. Box 31

Wakefield, RI 02880-0031



Michael R. Clement, City Clerk
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