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Smithfield School Committee Resolution Change to RIGL §16-7-40 (c) and (d)

Please consider a subtle change to RIGL §16-7-40 (c) and (d), which aligns the expiration of all six temporary Housing Aid bonuses and affords LEAs an additional year in planning and construction lost addressing COVID-19, along with the global supply chain challenge.

Section 16-7-40. Increased school housing ratio.

(c) For purposes of addressing health and safety deficiencies as defined by the school building authority, including the remediation of hazardous materials, the school housing aid ratio shall be increased by five percent (5%) so long as the construction of the project commences by December 30, 2023, is completed by December 31, 2027, and a two hundred fifty million dollar (\$250,000,000) general obligation bond is approved on the November 2018 ballot, in order to qualify for the increased share ratio, twenty-five percent (25%) of the project costs or a minimum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be specifically directed to this purpose.

(d) For purposes of educational enhancement, including projects devoted to the enhancement of early childhood education and career and technical education, the school housing aid ratio shall be increased by five percent (5%) so long as construction of the project commences by December 30, 2023, is completed by December 30, 2027, and a two hundred fifty million dollars (\$250,000,000) general obligation bond is approved on the November 2018 ballot. In order to qualify for the increased share ratio, twenty-five percent (25%) of the project costs or a minimum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) must be specifically directed to these purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Smithfield School Committee respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly support the extension of § 16-7-40. Increased school housing ratio.

RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every Rhode Island Municipality, School Committee, State Senator, State Representative, and the Governor.

WHERETO: The following bear witness:

Virginia Harnois
Virginia Harnois, School Committee Chair

December 6, 2021
Date

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