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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHING A CLASS SIZE MAXIMUM FOR
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO (2)

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Satchell, Sheehan, Seveney, and Pearson

Date Introduced: January 31, 2019

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 16 of the General Laws entitled "EDUCATION" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 110

4 THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWO (2) MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE ACT.

5 **16-110-1. Short title.**

6 This chapter shall be known and may be cited as The Kindergarten through Grade Two
7 (2) Maximum Class Size Act.

8 **16-110-2. Class size maximums.**

9 (a) Each year, on or before October 1, the maximum number of students assigned to each
10 teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school classrooms for kindergarten
11 through grade two (2) shall not exceed twenty (20) students except due to an emergency or as a
12 result of a temporary condition not to exceed three (3) days, or as provided in subsection (b) of
13 this section.

14 (b) After October 1 of each year the maximum number of students regularly assigned to
15 each teacher who is teaching core-curricula courses in public school classrooms for kindergarten
16 through grade two (2) shall only exceed twenty (20) students if a student is first enrolled in a
17 school after October 1 and the school administrator determines that it would be impractical,
18 educationally unsound, or disruptive to student learning to not assign the student to an existing

1 [class of maximum size.](#)

2 **16-110-3. Courses for compliance.**

3 [The department of education shall identify and publish a directory of core-curricula](#)
4 [courses for the purpose of satisfying the maximum class size requirement of this chapter.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would mandate that public school classroom size be limited to twenty (20)
2 students for kindergarten through grade two (2). Exceptions are made for emergencies and
3 temporary situation not to exceed three (3) days and for mid-year enrollments when it would be
4 impractical to assign the student any class but an existing class of maximum size.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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