



State Fiscal Note for Bill Number: 2018-H-7873

Date of State Budget Office Approval:

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<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>	<i>Impact on Revenues</i>
FY 2018 \$0	FY 2018 \$0
FY 2019 \$2,072,100	FY 2019 \$2,072,100
FY 2020 \$2,762,800	FY 2020 \$2,762,800

*Explanation by State
Budget Office:*

This Act amends RIGL 16-59-9, entitled “Educational Budget and Appropriations,” by adding subsection (c) (1), requiring a new \$50.00 public transportation fee assessment per semester on students attending URI, RIC, or CCRI. The new fee would be phased in over 3 school years, with freshmen and sophomores paying the fee beginning in September 2018; freshmen, sophomores, and juniors paying the fee beginning in September 2019; and freshmen through seniors paying the fee beginning in September 2020. Student identification cards will be issued to students as prepared passes used for transportation services provided by the Rhode Island Public Transportation Authority (RIPTA).

This bill also creates RIGL Section 39-18-25, requiring cooperation between RIPTA, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and the three colleges, with respect to the successful implementation of student identification cards being used as transportation passes.

*Comments on
Sources of Funds:*

Student tuition and fees are considered unrestricted institutional revenues and are classified as an “other” source of funds (University and College) within the Appropriations Act.

*Summary of Facts
and Assumptions:*

The formulas below were used to calculate total collections if a \$50.00 per semester fee is imposed on all undergraduate students attending URI, RIC, or CCRI. Presumably, funds collected will be transferred from the colleges to RIPTA in an appropriate manner to provide all students access to public transportation through student identification cards. However, this bill does not prescribe a specific mechanism to transfer these funds.

Formulas:

FY 2019 Total Collection = (Total Enrollment * 60%) * \$100.00

FY 2020 Total Collection = (Total Enrollment * 80%) * \$100.00

Post FY 2020 Total Collection = (Total Enrollment * 100%) * \$100.00

Assumptions:

1] The Total Enrollment variable represents the FY 2019 estimated total undergraduate enrollment, 34,535 students, attending the three institutions of higher

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Transportation Fee: \$50.00

Institutions	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
	Estimated Cost	Estimated Cost	Estimated Cost	Estimated Cost
URI	-	802,200	1,069,600	1,337,000
RIC	-	427,020	569,360	711,700
CCRI	-	842,880	1,123,840	1,404,800
Total	\$ -	\$ 2,072,100	\$ 2,762,800	\$ 3,453,500

Institutions	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
	Enrollment	Fee Eligible (60%)	Fee Eligible (80%)	Fee Eligible (100%)
URI	13,370	8,022	10,696	13,370
RIC	7,117	4,270	5,694	7,117
CCRI	14,048	8,429	11,238	14,048
Total	34,535	20,721	27,628	34,535