

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE GOVERNOR AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SEEK CONTINUATION OF R.I.G.L. § 16-7-20(C) AND (D), STATE HOUSING AID REIMBURSEMENT INCENTIVES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND RENNOVATION OF SCHOOLS

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the school buildings in the City of Warwick are in dire need of repairs and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, planned construction and maintenance has been greatly delayed due to the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has made many significant pledges to address school construction projects in Rhode Island, and therefore, should amend R.I.G.L. § 16-7-20(c) and (d) to account for the delays caused due to COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Warwick calls upon the Governor and the General Assembly to enact the following changes to the above-mentioned statute:

§ 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, 2022 2023, is completed by December 30, 2027 2028, 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.

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This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN SINAPI

COMMITTEE: HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE