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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Shanley, and Crowley

Date Introduced: February 07, 2006

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Sections 16-32-3, 16-23-4, 16-23-5 and 16-32-6 of the General Laws in  
2 Chapter 16-32 entitled "University of Rhode Island" are hereby amended to read as follows:  
3           **16-32-3. Purposes of university. --- Purposes of University. --** The board, as now  
4 constituted, and their successors, for the terms for which they have been or for which they  
5 hereafter may be appointed regents, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate for the  
6 purpose of continuing and maintaining the University of Rhode Island as a university where the  
7 leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including  
8 military tactics, to teach any branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic  
9 arts, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several  
10 pursuits and professions of life, as provided in the act of the congress of the United States,  
11 approved July 2, 1862, entitled "An Act Donating Public Lands to the Several States and  
12 Territories Which May Provide Colleges for the Benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,"  
13 [\(hereafter the "Morrill Act of 1862"\)](#), and for the purpose of continuing and maintaining an  
14 agricultural experiment station [\(hereafter the "Station"\)](#) as a department of the ~~college~~ [University](#)  
15 under and in accordance with, and to carry out the purposes of, the act of congress approved  
16 March 2, 1887, entitled "An Act to Establish Agricultural Experiment Stations in Connection  
17 with the Colleges Established in the Several States Under the Provisions of An Act Approved  
18 July 2, 1862, and of the Acts Supplementary Thereto:" [\(hereafter, the "Smith-Lever Act of 1914"](#),  
19 [and as provided in all subsequent acts of the congress of the United States which modify the](#)

1 Morrill Act of 1862, the Hatch Act of 1887, and/or the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, and as provided  
2 by "The National Sea Grant College and Program Act of 1966" (hereafter, the "Sea Grant Act of  
3 1966"), and as provided in all subsequent acts of the congress of the United States which modify  
4 the Sea Grant Act of 1966, and as provided by the Higher Education Act of 1965, and as provided  
5 in all subsequent acts of congress of the United States that provide for the Urban Grant College  
6 programs. The Station and Cooperative Extension are hereafter collectively referred to as the  
7 "Land Grant Programs."

8 **16-32-4. Location -- Application of federal funds. --** The ~~university and experiment~~  
9 ~~station~~ University, Agricultural Experiment Station, and administrative headquarters for  
10 cooperative extension shall, until ordered, continue to be located in the town of South Kingstown  
11 upon the estate now occupied by them, and all money received after this under the ~~act of~~  
12 ~~congress, approved March 2, 1887, and under the act of congress approved August 30, 1890,~~  
13 ~~entitled "An Act to Apply a Portion of the Proceeds of the Public Lands to the More Complete~~  
14 ~~Endowment and Support of the Colleges for the Benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts,~~  
15 ~~Established Under the Provisions of an Act of Congress Approved July Second, Eighteen~~  
16 ~~Hundred Sixty two,"~~ land grant programs and all other money which shall be received by the  
17 state for the promotion of agriculture or the mechanic arts at land grant colleges under or by  
18 virtue of an act of congress shall, as and when received, be paid over to the treasurer of the  
19 ~~university~~ University, to be used and applied and accounted for by the ~~trustees~~ Board of  
20 Governors for Higher Education and officers of the ~~university~~ University, with the approval of  
21 the state controller, as required by the respective acts of congress under which the money is  
22 received.

23 **16-32-5. ~~Authority over experiment station.---~~ Authority over the Agricultural**  
24 **Experiment Station Cooperative Extension and Sea Grant Programs. --** The ~~board of~~  
25 ~~governors for higher education~~ Board of Governors for Higher Education shall have authority  
26 over ~~the experiment station~~ Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension, Rhode  
27 Island Sea Grant and Rhode Island Urban Grant of the ~~university~~ University located in the town  
28 of South Kingstown.

29 **16-32-6. ~~Activities of experiment station.---~~ Activities of the Land Grant, Sea Grant**  
30 **and Urban Grant Programs. --** The ~~experiment station~~ Agricultural Experiment Station,  
31 Cooperative Extension and Rhode Island Sea Grant at the University of Rhode Island shall  
32 continue to expend sums of money received from the United States government for experimental  
33 work and ~~agricultural~~ extension outreach, in compliance with the Hatch Act of 1887, the Smith-  
34 Lever Act of 1914, and the Sea Grant Act of 1966 ~~service~~, and shall also continue to promote and

1 encourage the work of ~~farm-bureaus~~ agriculturalists (including aquaculturalists), their  
2 professional organizations, environmental organizations, conservation districts and other agencies  
3 of government concerned with agriculture, the environment, or the purposes of the Station or  
4 Cooperative Extension, and the private sector collaborations with the Station or Cooperative  
5 Extension, consistent with the requirements of the Hatch Act of 1887 and the Smith-Lever Act of  
6 1914, the Sea Grant Act of 1966 and the Higher Education Act of 1965 and expend sums of  
7 money received from federal and state appropriations, subject to budgetary control provided by  
8 chapter 3 of title 35.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 16-32 of the General Laws entitled "University of Rhode Island" is  
10 hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

11 **16-32-4.1. Appropriation of state funds as cash matching funds for federal research,**  
12 **extension and training grants.** -- Beginning in fiscal year 2007, the general assembly shall  
13 annually appropriate a sum with the Board of Governors for Higher Education for the exclusive  
14 purpose of cash matching funds for research grants from federal government departments  
15 including, but not limited to, the United States Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense,  
16 Education, Homeland Security, Interior, and Transportation, and other federal agencies including,  
17 but not limited to, the Environmental Protection Agency, National Endowment for the Arts,  
18 National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Science Foundation. Such funds shall  
19 be expended under the direction of the Board of Governors for Higher Education and officers of  
20 the University, and annual expenditures shall be reported to the General Assembly under the  
21 provisions of section 16-32-7. Maximum authorized annual state appropriation under this section  
22 shall be one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of federal research, extension and  
23 training grant fund expenditures reported to the General Assembly in the preceding fiscal year.

24 **16-32-4.2. Use of state funds to enhance Research, Extension and Training**  
25 **Programs.** -- The annual appropriation of federal grant matching funds shall be in addition to and  
26 separate from any funds regularly appropriated to the University under section 16-32-9; thus there  
27 shall be no reduction of appropriations to the University as authorized under section 16-32-9. All  
28 faculty and staff at the university receiving federal grants for research, outreach, training or  
29 creative endeavors are eligible to make application for and receive these funds. Program  
30 administration, expenditures of state funds, periodic university-wide planning and program  
31 reviews shall be supervised by an officer of the University responsible for university-wide  
32 research and extension activities. Expenditure of state matching funds shall follow rules  
33 promulgated in the official manuals of the federal granting agencies, including rules governing  
34 approval for projects and activities and expenditure of funds for approved projects and activities.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would clarify the designation of certain departments and activities of the  
2 University of Rhode Island which would enable the University of Rhode Island to conduct  
3 scientific research, creative scholarship, the arts and public outreach activities by authorizing the  
4 appropriation of additional state funds to match annual federal grant funds from several U.S.  
5 Departments and Agencies, without reduction in the University's general operating budget.

6           This act would take effect upon passage.

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