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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2008**

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RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Connors, Pichardo, Ruggerio, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: January 31, 2008

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 39-18 of the General Laws entitled "Rhode Island Public Transit  
2 Authority" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **39-18-24. Use of transportation by students -- discounts. – Effective September 1,**  
4 **2008, all public colleges and public institutions of higher education in this state, including, but**  
5 **not limited to, the University of Rhode Island, the Community College of Rhode Island, and**  
6 **Rhode Island College, shall have available for purchase by students with a current valid student**  
7 **identification card issued by the respective college or university on every campus half price**  
8 **monthly transportation passes.**

9           **(b) At the request of the Board, the Authority shall present to the Board of Governors for**  
10 **higher education a recommendation to determine the anticipated cost needed to maintain the**  
11 **program each school year.**

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow students and employees of Rhode Island's public colleges and  
2 universities with current valid school identification cards to purchase to RIPTA transportation  
3 services at half price.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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