

**THE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
OF RHODE ISLAND**  
FACULTY SENATE

400 East Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 USA

March 26, 2021



**A Resolution**

**Concerning Elimination of the Rhode Island Promise Program's Sunset Provision**

Whereas, the Community College of Rhode Island is an open access, public institution of higher education; and

Whereas, the Rhode Island Promise program facilitates access to public higher education; and

Whereas, the Rhode Island Promise program promotes equity in higher education; and

Whereas, the Rhode Island Promise program has proven effective in improving student retention and completion since its inception in 2017; and

Whereas, as a "last-dollar" scholarship program, Rhode Island Promise funds only the costs of tuition and mandatory student fees after Federal grants and scholarships are factored; and

Whereas, as a modest public investment in human potential, the social and economic benefits of the Rhode Island Promise program to our state far exceed the program's costs; therefore

*Resolved*, That the Faculty Senate of the Community College of Rhode Island, in its capacity as the committee of the faculty pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 16-33.1-3, expresses its gratitude to Senate President Dominick Ruggerio and House Speaker K. Joseph Shekarchi for their efforts to eliminate the Rhode Island Promise program's sunset provision.

*Resolved*, That the Faculty Senate of the Community College of Rhode Island, in its capacity as the committee of the faculty pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 16-33.1-3, endorses bills 2021-S 0079 and 2021-H 5224.

*Resolved*, That the Faculty Senate of the Community College of Rhode Island, in its capacity as the committee of the faculty pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 16-33.1-3, urges the State of Rhode Island General Assembly to approve bills 2021-S 0079 and 2021-H 5224.

*Resolved*, That the Chair of the Faculty Senate transmit these resolutions to the President of the Community College of Rhode Island and the State of Rhode Island General Assembly.