



State of Rhode Island  
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**CollegeBound Program Annual Review**  
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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) To align with passage of the SECURE Act, adopt an amended Investment Policy Statement.
- 2) Update the current CollegeBound Saver Age-Based Portfolios' custom benchmark to reflect each underlying fund's respective benchmark and weighting.

**Background on recommendations:**

- **Investment Policy Statement Amendment:** The CollegeBound IPS contains a Program summary that is meant to be updated to reflect important changes to the definition of qualified higher education expenses. With passage of the SECURE Act, qualified education expenses have been expanded to permit withdrawals for certified and registered apprenticeship programs and certain education loan repayments for 529 beneficiaries and their siblings. The amended IPS will reflect these changes.
- **CollegeBound Saver benchmark enhancement:** CollegeBound Saver's Age-Based Portfolios are currently benchmarked against targets that represent their underlying broad asset allocation. The current custom benchmark is not representative of the Age-Based Portfolios' actual underlying asset allocation, with each Portfolio consisting of passively managed funds that seek to replicate a specific benchmark. To better reflect the Age-Based Portfolios' underlying construction and strategic exposures, a new custom benchmark can be implemented that represents each fund's benchmark and weighting across the glide path.