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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Noret, Spears, Donovan, Carson, Morales, Solomon, and Shanley Date Introduced: February 07, 2025

Referred To: House Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety of Pupils" is
- 2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 <u>16-21-8.1. Certified school psychologist.</u>

- 4 Effective September 1, 2027, each school system in the state shall employ a minimum of
- 5 <u>one certified school psychologist, certified by the state department of elementary and secondary</u>
- 6 education, for every five hundred (500) students enrolled in the school.
 - SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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- 1 This act would require at least one certified school psychologist per every five hundred
- 2 (500) students be employed at each school system.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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