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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- 38 STUDIOS, LLC

Introduced By: Representatives Lima, Costantino, Serpa, Fellela, and Coughlin

Date Introduced: February 02, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 38-2 of the General Laws entitled "Access to Public Records" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **38-2-16. 38 Studios, LLC Investigation Materials.**

4 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or any other state law, any
5 investigative records generated or obtained by the Rhode Island state police or the Rhode Island
6 attorney general during the course of their investigation into the Rhode Island economic
7 development corporation is funding of 38 Studios, LLC shall be made available to the public;
8 provided, however:

9 (1) No information or records not otherwise public, provided to the grand jury during its
10 investigation of the funding of 38 Studios, LLC shall be released without the approval of the
11 presiding justice of the superior court;

12 (2) The provisions of §12-11.1-5.1 shall not apply to any information disclosed pursuant
13 to this section;

14 (3) Birth dates, social security numbers, financial account numbers or other significantly
15 sensitive personally-identifiable information, except names, shall be redacted from the
16 information disclosed.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would classify the investigatory records generated during the inquiry into the
2 Rhode Island economic development corporation funding of 38 Studios, LLC, as public records,
3 making them available for release, subject to some limitations.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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