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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Jacquard, MacBeth, Hull, and Carnevale

Date Introduced: April 24, 2013

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

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 **16-21-35. School resource officers.** -- (a) Every public school in the state may have a
4 school resource officer assigned to it. The school resource officer shall be available and present
5 on the school’s grounds at all times during the regular school day of the particular school. The
6 school resource officer shall be a member and employee of the police department which serves
7 the particular school.

8 (b) Funding for the school resource officers shall be through the funding for the police
9 department that serves the particular school. Funding for the resource officer shall be separate
10 from foundation level school support as provided for in chapter 16-7 (“Foundation Level School
11 Support”). Provided, the general assembly shall include a separate appropriation to municipalities
12 as a portion of aid to cities and towns to assist in the costs of school resource officers. In making
13 such appropriation, the general assembly may consider the amount and percentage of the state’s
14 share of foundation level school support given to the particular community, but such
15 consideration shall be as a guide only, and the state shall not be obligated to provide any set
16 percentage of funding for school resource officers.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize cities and towns to have a school resource officer in every
2 public school.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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