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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - TRESPASS AND VANDALISM

Introduced By: Representative Arthur J. Corvese

Date Introduced: January 06, 2010

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-44-26.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-44 entitled "Trespass
2 and Vandalism" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-44-26.1. Mandatory minimum fine for willful trespass within school buildings. --**

4 Every person who willfully trespasses or, having no legitimate purpose for his or her presence, or
5 having been suspended from attendance at any school, remains within a building used for a public
6 or private school, college, university, junior college, or other public or private educational
7 institution, or on the school grounds or campus grounds of any public or private school, college,
8 university, junior college, or other public or private educational institution after having been
9 forbidden so to do by a local or state police officer or a guard, security officer, or an official of
10 the school, college, university, junior college or other educational institution, shall ~~for the first~~
11 ~~offense be punished at least by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five~~
12 ~~hundred dollars (\$500), and shall for the second offense be punished by a fine of not less than one~~
13 ~~hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), and for the third or any~~
14 ~~subsequent offense by a fine of not less than one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) nor more than five~~
15 ~~hundred dollars (\$500), and may in addition, be imprisoned not exceeding six (6) months~~ be
16 punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or imprisonment for a term not
17 exceeding one year, or both.

1 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 amend the penalties for willful trespass within school buildings by
2 mandating a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for one year, or both.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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