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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Introduced By: Representatives McLaughlin, Azzinaro, Vella-Wilkinson, Fellela, and Marshall

Date Introduced: January 25, 2018

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-2-10 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-2 entitled "School
2 Committees and Superintendents [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of
3 Education Act]" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **16-2-10. ~~Certification of superintendents~~ Certification of superintendents and**
5 **administrators.**

6 (a) No person shall be employed as superintendent of schools, principal, vice principal,
7 director of special education or any other administrator within the school system in any city or
8 town unless the person holds a certificate of qualification issued by or under the authority of the
9 state board of ~~regents~~ education and/or the council for elementary and secondary education.

10 (b) Under no circumstances shall the requirement that the person holding a certificate of a
11 qualification be waived by the school committee, the state board of education and/or the council
12 for elementary and secondary education.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 16-77 of the General Laws entitled "Establishment of Charter
14 Public Schools [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby
15 amended by adding thereto the following section:

16 **16-77-3.2. Certification of administrators.**

17 (a) No person shall be employed as superintendent, head of school, principal, vice
18 principal or any other administrator of a charter public school unless the person holds a certificate
19 of qualification issued by or under the authority of the state board of education and/or the council

1 for elementary and secondary education.

2 (b) Under no circumstances shall the requirement set forth in subsection (a) of this
3 section be waived by any charter public school, the state board of education and/or the council for
4 elementary and secondary education.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that school superintendents, principals, vice principals, directors
2 and administrators of public schools as well as all charter schools hold state certificates of
3 qualification and would prohibit the granting of any waivers.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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