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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE

Introduced By: Representative Anastasia P. Williams

Date Introduced: June 24, 2020

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 42-28-28 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-28 entitled "State
2 Police" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-28-28. Persons admissible to school.**

4 (a) No person shall be admitted as a candidate to the municipal police training school unless
5 he or she is a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of Rhode Island and shall have
6 reached the age of eighteen (18) years; nor shall any person be admitted who shall not have first
7 been certified by a physician as being physically and mentally sound on an examination made
8 within one month prior to the acceptance of his or her candidacy.

9 (b) No educational requirement beyond high school graduation or the awarding of a high
10 school equivalency diploma (GED) shall be required for admission of a candidate to the municipal
11 police training school.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 42-28 of the General Laws entitled "State Police" is hereby amended
13 by adding thereto the following section:

14 **42-28-30.1. Educational requirement prior to police appointment.**

15 Except for completion of a course of instruction at a police academy or training school, no
16 municipality shall request or require that any applicant for appointment or employment as a police
17 officer be required to complete any education beyond high school graduation or the awarding of a
18 high school equivalency diploma (GED).

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prohibit an educational requirement beyond high school graduation (or
2 equivalency) for attendance at the municipal police training school or for appointment as a
3 municipal police officer.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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