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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES - ETHICS - EDUCATION

Introduced By: Senators Conley, Sheehan, Goldin, Coyne, and Miller

Date Introduced: January 21, 2016

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 36-14-10.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-14 entitled "Code of
2 Ethics" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **36-14-10.1. Continuing ethics education.** – The commission shall ~~periodically~~ provide
4 a continuing education program on the Rhode Island code of ethics and related laws for major
5 state decision-makers. The program shall be provided at least twice annually and shall consist of
6 continuing education units as established by commission rule and which may be offered through
7 an interactive web-based format. All state senators and senate employees shall participate in at
8 least one of the programs annually. The commission shall provide participants with certificates
9 showing the date and number of continuing education units completed.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require all state senators and senate employees to annually participate in
2 at least one of the Ethics Commission educational programs provided by the State Ethics
3 Commission.

4 This act would take effect January 1, 2017.

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