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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT

Introduced By: Senators Tikoian, Pearson, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Felag, Euer,
Lombardo, Ciccone, and Britto

Date Introduced: January 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-7-49 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-7 entitled "Labor
2 Relations Act" is hereby repealed.

3 ~~28-7-49. No limitation on healthcare benefit providers.~~

4 ~~No collective bargaining agreement covering any group or groups of state employees,~~
5 ~~public school teachers, or employees of any city or town, ratified after August 1, 2008, shall specify~~
6 ~~that an employer must procure a healthcare benefit plan from a specific provider of such plans. The~~
7 ~~technical qualifications of the healthcare benefit plan, to be contracted for, shall not be framed or~~
8 ~~constructed in a manner designed to identify an exclusive provider of said healthcare services.~~

9 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 repeal the law prohibiting collective bargaining agreements for state
2 employees, public school teachers and municipal employees from requiring that an employer
3 procure a healthcare benefit plan from a specific provider. It would allow governmental employee
4 union contracts to contain specific references to specific health insurance companies.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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