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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 -- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY--SCHOOL SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, and Coyne

Date Introduced: February 25, 2020

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-7.3 of the General Laws entitled "Department of Public Safety"
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3 **42-7.3-4.1. Interoperable school safety emergency communication system.**
- 4 (a) The department of public safety shall procure, subject to appropriation, an interoperable
5 school safety emergency communications system that facilitates emergency response activities in
6 the state.
- 7 (b) The system shall operate in every public elementary and secondary school in the state
8 and shall do all of the following:
- 9 (1) Facilitate interoperable multimedia communications, including two-way radio, landline
10 and mobile telephone, intercom, public address, text messaging, file sharing and real-time, full
11 motion video sharing;
- 12 (2) Allow each participating entity to maintain discretionary, real-time control of all
13 communications assets owned and operated by the entity;
- 14 (3) Use broadband internet connectivity in a network agnostic manner via dedicated or
15 virtual connections; and
- 16 (4) Encrypt all media communications.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY--SCHOOL SAFETY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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2 an interoperable school safety emergency communications system that facilitates emergency
3 response activities in the state.

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