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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Senators Lauria, Murray, Valverde, Miller, DiPalma, Lawson, Felag, and LaMountain

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety of Pupils" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-21-42. Diabetes informational material.**

4 (a) The department of education (RIDE), in consultation with the department of health,  
5 shall develop type 1 diabetes informational materials for the parents and guardians of students. The  
6 informational materials shall be made available to each school district, charter school and mayoral  
7 academy through RIDE's website. The informational materials shall be provided in a multilingual  
8 format set forth in at a minimum, the three (3) most common foreign language used by the parents  
9 of public school students.

10 (b) On and after January 1, 2025, the governing board of each school district and governing  
11 body of a charter school and mayoral academy, shall make the type 1 diabetes informational  
12 materials accessible to the parent or guardian of every student when the student is first enrolled in  
13 elementary school.

14 (c) Information provided to parents and guardians pursuant to this section may include, but  
15 shall not be limited to, all of the following:

16 (1) A description of type 1 diabetes.

17 (2) A description of the risk factors and warning signs associated with type 1 diabetes.

18 (3) A recommendation regarding those students displaying warning signs associated with  
19 type 1 diabetes that the parents or guardians of those students should immediately consult with the

1 student's primary care provider to determine if immediate screening for type 1 diabetes is  
2 appropriate.

3 (4) A description of the screening process for type 1 diabetes and the implications of test  
4 results.

5 (5) A recommendation that, following a type 1 diagnosis, parents or guardians should  
6 consult with the student's primary care provider to develop an appropriate treatment plan, which  
7 may include consultation with and examination by a specialty care provider, including, but not  
8 limited to, a properly qualified endocrinologist.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require RIDE to develop type 1 diabetes informational materials for the
- 2 parents and guardians of students that will be posted publicly on RIDE's website.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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