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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - GENERAL POWERS

Introduced By: Senators DaPonte, DeVall, Connors, Ciccone, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 25, 2010

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-2 of the General Laws entitled "General Powers" is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following section:

3 45-2-5.2. Consolidation of municipal departments. – (a) Notwithstanding any  
4 provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, each town and city school district shall  
5 have only one municipal department performing human resources/personnel information  
6 technology, purchasing and maintenance functions. Accordingly they should consolidate these  
7 operations by July 1, 2012. The human resources and personnel functions shall be exempt from  
8 this requirement if their consolidation would compromise confidentiality mandates.

9 (b) In the event that these functions are not consolidated by October 1, 2012, then in such  
10 event, the auditor general shall have the power to effectuate the consolidation of the  
11 forementioned functions. This section shall not be applied so as to interfere with existing labor  
12 contracts in effect on the date of enactment.

13 (c) To the extent that a consolidation contemplated by this section results in a reduction  
14 of an annual appropriation for the use of the schools, then such reduction shall not be deemed a  
15 violation of section 16-7-24.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would mandate that every town and city consolidate certain functions by July 1,  
2   2012.  
3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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