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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

AN ACT

RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Introduced By: Representative Mary Ann Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: March 11, 2021

Referred To: House Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- SECTION 1. Chapter 5-40 of the General Laws entitled "Physical Therapists" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- **5-40-23. Physical therapy in a school setting.**
- 4 A physical therapist licensed under this chapter may perform physical therapy services
- 5 without a prescription or referral, when providing physical therapy services in a school setting to a
- 6 student in accordance with the provisions of the student's individualized education plan (IEP) or
- 7 <u>individualized family service plan (IFSP).</u>
- 8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would authorize a licensed physical therapist to perform physical therapy services
to a student while in school without a prescription or referral, in accordance with the student's IEP
or IFSP.

This act would take effect upon passage.