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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Casimiro, Lyle, Roberts, and Ackerman

Date Introduced: January 10, 2020

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

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 **16-21-37. Student health risks related to e-cigarettes.**

4 (a) The department of education shall develop a health curriculum to provide all students,
5 in kindergarten through grade twelve (12), with information on the health risks of electronic
6 nicotine-delivery system products ("e-cigarettes").

7 (b) The department of education shall develop policies relating to tobacco-free school
8 campuses that include e-cigarettes. Such policies shall include:

9 (1) Protocols for confiscation of smoking products from offending students on school
10 grounds, including school buses, athletic complexes and off-campus school sponsored events and
11 activities;

12 (2) Mandatory notification of parents or guardians of offending students;

13 (3) Referral of offending students to school counselors or social workers; and

14 (4) The opportunity for offending students to participate in smoking cessation programs.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require the department of education to develop a health curriculum to
2 provide information on the health risks of e-cigarettes. Also, this act would require the
3 development of policies to address the confiscation of smoking products, parental or guardian
4 notification, counseling and participation in cessation programs.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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