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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

Introduced By: Representatives Giarrusso, Casey, Morin, Messier, and Malik

Date Introduced: February 24, 2016

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-11 of the General Laws entitled "Certification of Teachers [See
2 Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board Of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding
3 thereto the following section:

4 **16-11-8. Emergency first aid, CPR and automated external defibrillator training**
5 **required. -- Every person seeking initial certification or recertification under this chapter shall**
6 **provide evidence of completion of certification or training in emergency first aid,**
7 **cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED).**
8 **The certification or training program shall be developed by the commissioner of elementary and**
9 **secondary education and shall be based on the current national evidence-based emergency**
10 **cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated**
11 **external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the**
12 **American Red Cross. The board of education shall provide a waiver for this requirement for any**
13 **person with a disability whose disability prohibits such person from completing the certification**
14 **or training, and for any person employed in a school which does not possess an AED device.**

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that teachers be certified in the use of first aid, cardiopulmonary
2 resuscitation and automated external defibrillator (AED) use prior to teacher certification, with
3 exceptions for those who are disabled and those employed in a school which lacks an AED
4 device.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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