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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 Price, Noret, Roberts, Quattrocchi, O'Brien, Shanley,
Newberry, Nardone, Fenton-Fung, and Hull

Date Introduced: June 08, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

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 **16-21-23.3. School safety measures.**

4 (a) In addition to the safety protocols enumerated in §§ 16-21-23, 16-21-23.1 and 16-21-
5 23.2, the following additional measures shall be taken by all pre-kindergarten through grade twelve
6 (pre-K through 12) schools in the state:

7 (1) There shall be a school resource officer or security personnel, armed or unarmed, at
8 every entrance of the school building.

9 (2) All exterior doors shall be locked after the morning arrival of students.

10 (3) All visitors to the school shall provide a valid ID and state the purpose of their visit
11 prior to entry.

12 (4) Visitors shall be allowed access to a security vestibule using an outside door buzz-in
13 system.

14 (5) Security cameras shall be installed at each school entrance as well as the perimeter of
15 the school property.

16 (b) The department of education shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the
17 provisions of this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all pre-kindergarten through grade twelve (pre-K through 12)
2 schools to have resources officers or security personnel, lock exterior doors after morning arrival,
3 security cameras and security protocols for school visitors.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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