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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS'  
ARBITRATION

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Raptakis, Lombardi, Doyle, and McCaffrey

Date Introduced: March 29, 2017

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-9.7-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-9.7 entitled  
2 "Correctional Officers Arbitration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-9.7-7. Unresolved issues submitted to arbitration.**

4 In the event that the bargaining agent and the state authorities are unable within thirty  
5 (30) days from and including the date of their first meeting to reach an agreement on a contract,  
6 any and all unresolved issues shall be submitted to arbitration. [The parties may agree in writing to](#)  
7 [extend the thirty \(30\) day period.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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- 1           This act would allow the bargaining agent for the correctional officers and the state  
2 authority to extend, by agreement in writing, the thirty (30) day period to reach an agreement on a  
3 contract, before submitting unresolved issues to arbitration.  
4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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