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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Introduced By: Representatives Baginski, and Solomon

Date Introduced: February 17, 2023

Referred To: House Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-2-32 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-2 entitled "School
2 Committees and Superintendents [See Title 16 Chapter 97 — The Rhode Island Board of Education
3 Act]" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **16-2-32. Policy manual for school committee.**

5 (a) All school committees in the state will have a policy manual. The policy manual will
6 have all school committee policies in writing, properly indexed, and kept up to date. The policy
7 manuals will be a source used to govern each school system. ~~At least one policy manual will be~~
8 ~~available to the faculty and staff in each school library. At least one policy manual will be available~~
9 ~~for public reference at each administrative building and public library. Regularly updated policy~~
10 manuals shall be made available to the public on the website of each school district. Provided, any
11 school or school district comprehensive school safety plan regarding crisis intervention, emergency
12 response, and management, including those adopted by a school committee pursuant to the
13 provisions of § 16-21-23, shall be excluded from and shall not be made available to the public on
14 a school or school district website.

15 (b) There is appropriated the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), from money
16 not otherwise appropriated, to the department of elementary and secondary education to implement
17 a school committee/administrator training program.

1 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 repeal the requirement that the school committee policy manual be kept in
2 the school library, public library and administrative building and require that the manual be made
3 available on the school district website. Provided, a school or school district comprehensive school
4 safety plan would not be made available to the public on a school or school district website.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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