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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$30,000,000 TO RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

Introduced By: Representatives Rea, Chippendale, Place, Nardone, Newberry, Roberts, Phillips, Noret, Finkelman, and P. Morgan

Date Introduced: February 22, 2023

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, According to RIDE's Information & Accountability data, Rhode Island has
2 300 public schools from which it collects and analyzes data; and

3 WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws § 16-3.2-1 states "...the general assembly is
4 committed to developing and supporting strategies that foster cultures of excellence, innovation,
5 and continuous improvement in Rhode Island schools" and that schools benefit from "...the
6 autonomy and flexibility to continuously improve instruction and implement and adopt strategies
7 that meet the needs of their students"; and

8 WHEREAS, With the horrendous increase in mass shootings across the country and the
9 rapid advances in information technology systems and fields, investment in these areas is critical
10 to the success of Rhode Island's students; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury from
12 the fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) in capital funds allocated to school construction in the
13 fiscal year 2023 state budget, the approximate sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) of
14 which one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) would be distributed to each public school in
15 Rhode Island for school safety and security improvements including, but not limited to, audio and
16 visual systems, access control systems, and communication upgrades; and the state controller is
17 hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of

1 said sum, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to each public
- 2 school in Rhode Island for school safety and security improvements.

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