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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, Dawson, Messier, and Henries

Date Introduced: April 05, 2023

Referred To: House Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-11-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-11 entitled "Certification
2 of Teachers [See Title 16 Chapter 97 — The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **16-11-3. Certificates without examination.**

5 (a) The ~~board of regents for~~ council on elementary and secondary education may, in its
6 discretion, issue certificates of qualification without examination to persons who may present
7 evidence of qualification and shall comply with the regulations of the ~~board~~ council. Provided, that
8 any teacher who is certified in two (2) fields or subjects of science, other than general science, shall
9 also be automatically certified in the field or subject of general science without the need for
10 examination or other proof of qualifications in the subject of general science.

11 (b) Effective July 1, 2023, any teacher who is certified in special education – severe
12 intellectual disability, for ages three (3) years to twenty-one (21) years, shall be automatically
13 certified and eligible to teach in all preschool education programs, without the need for examination
14 or other proof of qualifications.

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

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EXPLANATION
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