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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025**

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**A N A C T**

**RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES TEACHERS GENERALLY --  
SEPTEMBER 11 CLASSROOM MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Introduced By: Representatives Read, Noret, Paplauskas, Baginski, Fascia, Hopkins, J.  
Brien, Chippendale, Casimiro, and Casey

Date Introduced: January 31, 2025

Referred To: House Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-12 of the General Laws entitled "Rights and Duties of Teachers  
2 Generally" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:  
3           **16-12-3.2. Moment of silence on September 11.**  
4           On every September 11 in all grades in all public schools, a building administrator or a  
5 teacher may allow a brief moment of silence to be observed in memory of the tragic events of  
6 September 11, 2001.  
7           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 school building administration or teachers in all grades to provide
- 2           the opportunity for students to observe a brief moment of silence on every September 11.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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