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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Senators McKenney, Britto, Murray, Appollonio, Lauria, and Urso

Date Introduced: March 07, 2025

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety of Pupils" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-21-33.2. Duty to report - Cardiac emergency reporting.**

4 (a) Any person who is an employee, agent, contractor, or volunteer of an educational
5 program as defined in § 40-11-2, shall immediately notify the principal, headmaster, executive
6 director, or other person in charge of the educational program, or their designated agent, if that
7 person called emergency services in response to a child whom under the care and custody of the
8 educational program suffered a cardiac emergency. The principal, headmaster, executive director,
9 or other person in charge of the educational program, or their designated agent, shall be responsible
10 for all subsequent notification to the department of education within twenty-four (24) hours, or its
11 agent in the manner required by this section. In the case of a public educational program, the
12 principal, headmaster, executive director, or other person in charge of the educational program, or
13 their designated agent, shall also notify the superintendent of the public educational program.
14 Nothing in this section is intended to require more than one report from any educational program
15 for a specific emergency.

16 (b) In order to provide guidance and consistency in reporting, the commissioner of
17 elementary and secondary education shall promulgate policies and procedures for the creation and
18 handling of reports made by the principal, headmaster, executive director, or other person in charge
19 of the educational program, or their designated agent in order to carry out the intent of this section.

1 (c)The department of education shall compile the data from the reports in a summary
2 report. The annual summary report shall be submitted to the governor, the speaker of the house of
3 representatives, and the president of the senate.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require immediate notification to the principal, headmaster, executive
2 director, or other person in charge of the educational program, or their designated agent, if that
3 person called emergency services in response to a child whom under the care and custody of the
4 educational program suffered a cardiac emergency. This act would also require notification by the
5 principal, headmaster, executive director, or other person in charge of the educational program, or
6 their designated agent to the department of education within twenty-four (24) hours.

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