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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT

Introduced By: Senator Samuel D. Zurier

Date Introduced: March 07, 2025

Referred To: Senate Labor & Gaming

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-7-29 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-7 entitled "Foundation
2 Level School Support [See Title 16 Chapter 97 — The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is
3 hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **16-7-29. Minimum salary schedule.**

5 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, every ~~Every~~ municipality and
6 regional school district shall establish and put into full effect by appropriate action of its school
7 committee in a municipality or regional school district where the school committee is elected, or
8 by appropriate action of the chief executive officer, in a municipality where the school committee
9 is appointed, a salary schedule recognizing years of service, experience, and training for all certified
10 personnel regularly employed in the public schools and having no more than twelve (12) annual
11 steps. The term "school year" as applied to the salary schedule means the ten (10) calendar months
12 beginning in September and ending the following June.

13 (b) In the Providence public school district only, the parties may negotiate alternative salary
14 schedules that do not include the provisions of section (a) of this section, and which may include
15 other bases for increased compensation including, but not limited to, bonuses for teachers willing
16 to take on greater responsibilities.

17 ~~(b)(c)~~ Nothing in this section shall prohibit a freeze or reduction of the monetary value of
18 the steps in the salary schedule through the collective bargaining process.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would allow a different minimum salary schedule for Providence public school
2 teachers whereby such teachers would be entitled to certain bonus and/or increased compensation
3 for taking on greater responsibilities.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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