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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE EMBLEMS

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Donovan, Fellela,
McNamara, Azzinaro, Speakman, Boylan, and Read
Date Introduced: January 14, 2026

Referred To: House Special Legislation

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 42-4 of the General Laws entitled "State Emblems" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:
3 **42-4-24. State music.**
4 [The music genre of rhythm and blues is hereby designated as the state music. For purposes](#)
5 [of this section, rhythm and blues is defined as music which contains elements of pop, soul, funk,](#)
6 [hip-hop and electronic music.](#)
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 designate as the state music, the genre of rhythm and blues which contains
- 2 elements of pop, soul, funk, hip-hop, and electronic music.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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