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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF TEACHERS GENERALLY

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Chippendale, J. Brien, Hopkins, Roberts, Place, Furtado, Cortvriend, Potter, and Paplauskas

Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

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 **16-12-12. Districts to consult list when hiring teachers who are new to the district.**

4 (a) The following definitions apply in this section unless the context clearly requires
5 otherwise.

6 (1) "Applicant" means an applicant for employment as a teacher in a certificated or
7 classified position who is currently or was previously employed by a school district other than the
8 district where the applicant is applying for employment.

9 (2) "Department" means the Rhode Island department of elementary and secondary
10 education.

11 (3) "Employer" means a school district employer.

12 (b) Before hiring an applicant, a school district shall contact the department, and the
13 department shall disclose whether or not the applicant's name appears on a list of those teachers
14 who have been terminated for good and just cause, which list is maintained by the department
15 pursuant to § 16-13-9.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require that before hiring an applicant for employment as a teacher in a school district, the district would contact the department of elementary and secondary education, and the department would disclose whether or not the applicant's name appears on a list of those teachers who have been terminated for good and just cause, which list is maintained by the department pursuant to § 16-13-9.
- 6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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