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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY --
CAUSES OF ACTION

Introduced By: Representatives McEntee, Caldwell, Spears, O'Brien, and Potter

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

(Judiciary)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 9-1 of the General Laws entitled "Causes of Action" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **9-1-27.4. Family court mediators - Immunity from liability.**

4 The state shall protect and hold harmless mediators and other staff of the family court
5 mediation program from financial loss and expense, including legal fees and costs, if any, arising
6 out of any claim, demand, or suit for damages resulting from acts or omissions committed in the
7 discharge of their duties with the program and within the scope of their employment which may
8 constitute negligence, but which acts are not wanton, malicious, or grossly negligent as determined
9 by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would provide immunity for mediators and staff employed by the family court in
2 the family court mediation program from financial liability for certain claims arising out of their
3 participation in the program.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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