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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ASSAULTS

Introduced By: Representative Joseph J. Solomon

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 11-5-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-5 entitled "Assaults" is  
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **11-5-1. Assault with intent to commit specified felonies.**

4           (a) Every person who shall make an assault with intent to commit ~~murder~~, robbery, sexual  
5 assault, burglary, or the abominable and detestable crime against nature, shall be imprisoned not  
6 exceeding twenty (20) years nor less than one year.

7           (b) Every person who shall make an assault with the intent to commit murder shall be  
8 imprisoned for not exceeding forty (40) years nor less than ten (10) years and the person shall not  
9 be afforded the benefit of suspension or deferment of their sentence, nor of probation for any  
10 sentence imposed by the court.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would make assault with intent to commit murder punishable by no less than ten  
2 years and not more than forty years and the person would not be afforded the benefit of suspension  
3 or deferment of sentence or probation.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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