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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Introduced By: Senators Rogers, Patalano, E Morgan, de la Cruz, Ciccone, Tikoian, and
McKenney

Date Introduced: January 16, 2026

Referred To: Senate Labor & Gaming

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-21-54 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-21 entitled "Retirement
2 of Municipal Employees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **45-21-54. Reemployment of retired members.**

4 Any retired member of the system is permitted to reenter the service of the system for not
5 more than seventy-five (75) working days in a calendar year without interruption of pension
6 benefits. Pension payments, however, are suspended when that period is exceeded. This seventy-
7 five-day (75) rule shall not apply to police officers, as defined in § 28-9.2-3, or any peace officer
8 as defined in § 12-7-21, working in a Rhode Island school as a full or part-time school resource
9 officer, for the purposes of their working private details, paid for by a nongovernmental entity. If
10 the retired member continues in service beyond the seventy-five-day (75) period (with his or her
11 annuity temporarily suspended) the member is not eligible for pension credit for the additional
12 service, nor is the member required to make pension contributions for this service; provided, that
13 any retired member of the system is permitted to serve as an elected city or town council member
14 or school committee member and continues to be eligible for and receive the retirement allowance
15 for service other than that as a council member or school committee member.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow any peace officer working in a Rhode Island school, as a full or part-time resource officer, to work in excess of the seventy-five (75) working days in a calendar year and not have an interruption in their receipt of pension benefits.
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- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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