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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS -- TRAINING AND
EVALUATION -- EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

Introduced By: Senators Seveney, Gallo, DiPalma, and Pearson

Date Introduced: February 10, 2021

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-11 of the General Laws entitled "Certification of Teachers [See
2 Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding
3 thereto the following section:

4 **16-11-10. Evaluation requirements.**

5 (a) The council on elementary and secondary education shall direct the department of
6 elementary and secondary education (the "department") to implement an assessment and evaluation
7 system that applies to both teachers and administrators, and is aligned with the state's standards.
8 This section shall not require the abandonment of any evaluation system already in place, so long
9 as the department determines that said evaluation system meets department goals.

10 (b) On or before April 1, 2023, and on or before April 1 every year thereafter, the
11 department shall report to the governor, the senate president, and the speaker of the house
12 concerning efforts to continuously improve the evaluation system.

13 (c) The report shall include, but not be limited to:

14 (1) The aspects of the evaluation system that have been the area of focus for that academic
15 year and why;

16 (2) Revisions made, or proposed to be made, to the evaluation system, if any;

17 (3) Efforts to ensure the evaluation system uses objective measurements and avoids self-
18 reporting, where possible; and

- 1 (4) Such other matters that the department deems should be included.
- 2 (d) For the purposes of this section, "local education agencies" (LEAs) shall include all of
- 3 the following within the state of Rhode Island:
- 4 (1) Public school districts;
- 5 (2) Regional school districts;
- 6 (3) State-operated schools;
- 7 (4) Regional collaborative schools; and
- 8 (5) Charter schools and mayoral academies.
- 9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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