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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' TENURE

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Serpa, Corvese, Ruggiero, and Noret

Date Introduced: February 02, 2022

Referred To: House Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 16-13 of the General Laws entitled "Teachers' Tenure" is hereby

2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3   **16-13-9. Termination for cause.**

4   (a) Whenever a teacher is terminated for cause by a school committee, the school

5 committee shall, within sixty (60) days of the termination, furnish the Rhode Island department of

6 elementary and secondary education with the identity of the terminated teacher.

7   (b) The department shall maintain a list of those teachers who have been terminated for

8 cause and shall update the list monthly to include the names of any additional teachers identity

9 submitted by the school committee. The list of terminated teachers shall be accessible to the hiring

10 authority of any private, parochial, charter or public school.

11   (c) The list of terminated teachers shall not be subject to the "access to public records act"

12 (APRA) set forth in chapter 2 of title 38. This section shall not abrogate or modify any existing

13 statutory or common law privileges or immunities.

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

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EXPLANATION

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1   This act would require a school committee to submit the identity of any teacher terminated

2   for cause to the Rhode Island department of education. The act would also require the department

3   to allow access to the list by the hiring authority of any private, parochial, charter or public school.

4   The list of terminated teachers would not be subject to the "access to public records act" (APRA).

5   This act would take effect upon passage.

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