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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - STAFFING

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, Cimini, Messier, Amore, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: February 07, 2013

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-73 of the General Laws entitled "Education - Social Services"
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
3 **16-73-5. School social worker staffing. -- In grades kindergarten through twelve (12),**
4 **each public school shall have assigned to it, at least one full-time social worker for every four**
5 **hundred (400) students. For purposes of this section, "social worker" shall mean any person who**
6 **holds a valid professional certificate in school social work issued by the state department of**
7 **education.**
8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require all public schools in grades kindergarten through twelve (12), to
- 2 have at least one full-time certified school social worker for every four hundred (400) students.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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