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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, Malik, Guthrie, Johnston, and Silva

Date Introduced: February 13, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-16 of the General Laws entitled "Teachers' Retirement" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **16-16-38.1. Retired public school teachers lacking sufficient social security credits to**  
4 **qualify for Medicare - State to pay Part A Medicare premiums. – (a) The state recognizes that**  
5 **there is a class of honorably retired public school teachers who do not qualify for Medicare**  
6 **because these public school teachers were not covered by social security in their teaching**  
7 **positions and the school districts employing them were not required to pay into Medicare during**  
8 **their respective terms of teaching service.**

9           **(b) For retirees covered by subsection (a) above, the state shall pay for Part A Medicare**  
10 **premiums to allow these retirees to participate in Medicare on the same basis as more recently**  
11 **retired public school teachers who entered service after school districts were required to**  
12 **participate in Medicare.**

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would provide that if a retired public school teacher does not have sufficient
- 2 Social Security credits to qualify for Medicare, the state shall pay for Part A Medicare premiums.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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