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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - GENERAL POWERS - BACKGROUND CHECKS

Introduced By: Representatives Keable, Casey, Johnston, and Guthrie

Date Introduced: June 26, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 45-2-3.3 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-2 entitled "General  
2 Powers" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **45-2-3.3. Background checks.** -- ~~Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any~~  
4 ~~municipal recreation department may request a background check from their local police~~  
5 ~~department for any employee or volunteer serving their community.~~ Notwithstanding any  
6 provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, any person seeking to work or volunteer  
7 for a municipal recreation department, or any municipal recreation department having the written  
8 authorization of a person seeking to work or volunteer for the municipal recreation department,  
9 may request a Rhode Island criminal history background check from their local police department  
10 for that person. The Rhode Island criminal history background check shall be a certified true copy  
11 of the criminal record report and shall bear indicia of authenticity including being printed on local  
12 police department letterhead with a raised seal and bearing the signature of a duly appointed local  
13 police officer.

14           Further, notwithstanding any provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, any  
15 person seeking to work or volunteer for a fire department or fire district located in the town of  
16 Burrillville, or any fire department or fire district having the written authorization of a person  
17 seeking to work or volunteer for the fire department or fire district located in the town of  
18 Burrillville, may request a Rhode Island criminal history background check from the Burrillville  
19 Police Department for that person. The Rhode Island criminal history background check shall be

1 [a certified true copy of the criminal record report and shall bear indicia of authenticity including](#)  
2 [being printed on Burrillville Police Department letterhead with a raised seal and bearing the](#)  
3 [signature of a duly appointed Burrillville Police Officer.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would authorize any fire district or fire department located in the Town of  
2 Burrillville to request a background check from their local police department for any employee or  
3 volunteer serving their community as a firefighter or employee of the fire district.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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