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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS

Introduced By: Senators Bates, Ottiano, and Hodgson

Date Introduced: February 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-38 of the General Laws entitled "Offenses Pertaining to
2 Schools" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-38-6.1. Restrictions on political activity and fundraising in public schools. – (a)**
4 No public school official or public school employee shall display or distribute to any pupil any
5 campaign materials, including literature, paraphernalia, and buttons, relative to any campaign for
6 election to public office, nor shall the same be sent home with pupils.

7 **(b) No fundraising for any campaign for election to public offices shall be permitted in**
8 the building or on the grounds of any public school.

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide that no campaign materials, including literature, paraphernalia,
2 and buttons, relative to any campaign for election to public office be displayed or distributed on
3 school property, or sent home with the pupils. It would further prohibit fundraising for political
4 campaigns on school property.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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