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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF TEACHERS GENERALLY

Introduced By: Senator Marc A. Cote

Date Introduced: April 25, 2013

Referred To: Senate Education

(by request)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-12-6.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-12 entitled "Rights  
2 and Duties of Teachers Generally" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~16-12-6.1. Special rules as to Woonsocket and Cumberland~~ Special rules as to  
4 Cumberland. -- The ~~respective~~ school ~~committees~~ committee of the ~~city of Woonsocket and the~~  
5 town of Cumberland in electing teachers shall elect to serve at its discretion all teachers who have  
6 served in the schools under its direction for the previous three (3) consecutive school years;  
7 provided, that the ~~respective~~ school ~~committees~~ committee of the ~~city of Woonsocket and the~~  
8 town of Cumberland may elect to serve at its discretion any person who has served more than one  
9 previous consecutive year. The ~~respective~~ school ~~committees~~ committee of the ~~city of~~  
10 ~~Woonsocket and the~~ town of Cumberland may dismiss a teacher within the year of employment  
11 in the instance of teachers not employed at discretion, and at any time in the instance of teachers  
12 employed at discretion by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the whole school committee for cause, which  
13 may be a violation of law, flagrant or persistent violation of the rules and regulations legally  
14 prescribed by the school committee, inefficiency, incapacity, insubordination, conduct  
15 unbecoming a teacher, or other just cause; provided, that no teacher shall be dismissed unless he  
16 or she has received a written copy of the charge or charges against him or her not less than thirty  
17 (30) days before the meeting at which the charge or charges are to be considered, and unless the  
18 teacher if he or she so requests it has been given a hearing before the school committee, and  
19 unless the charge or charges has or have been admitted or substantiated; and provided, further,

1 that nothing in this section shall prevent the retirement of any teacher under a rule of the  
2 ~~respective~~ school committee affecting marriage or for the purpose of chapter 15 of this title; or  
3 the retirement at the end of any school year of any teacher whose services may no longer be  
4 required by reason of the closing of schools or the discontinuance of classes; and provided,  
5 further, that the ~~respective~~ school ~~committees~~ committee of the ~~city of Woonsocket and the~~ town  
6 of Cumberland may suspend any teacher for cause pending a hearing, but that suspension shall  
7 not involve loss of salary unless the cause is sufficient to justify dismissal as provided in this  
8 section.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This act would delete the City of Woonsocket from the requirements of this statute.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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