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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION
- OBLIGATION TO BARGAIN

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Ruggerio, Pearson, McCaffrey, and Archambault

Date Introduced: January 21, 2014

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-9.2-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-9.2 entitled "Municipal
2 Police Arbitration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-9.2-6. Obligation to bargain.** -- It shall be the obligation of the city or town, acting
4 through its corporate authorities, to meet and confer in good faith with the designated
5 representative or representatives of the bargaining agent, including any legal counsel selected by
6 the bargaining agent, within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice from the bargaining agent
7 of the request for a meeting for collective bargaining purposes. This obligation includes the duty
8 to cause any agreement resulting from the negotiations to be reduced to a written contract,
9 provided that no contract shall exceed the term of one year, unless a longer period is agreed upon
10 in writing by the corporate authorities and the bargaining agent, but in no event shall the contract
11 exceed the term of three (3) years unless a budget commission or a receiver has been appointed
12 for a municipality pursuant to chapter ~~45-9~~ [9 of title 45](#), ~~in which case~~ [or if a municipality has a](#)
13 [locally administered pension plan in "critical status" and is required to submit a funding](#)
14 [improvement plan pursuant to § 45-65-6\(2\), in either of which case](#) the contract shall not exceed
15 the term of five (5) years. An unfair labor charge may be complained of by either the employer's
16 representative or the bargaining agent to the state labor relations board which shall deal with the
17 complaint in the manner provided in chapter 7 of this title.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would redefine the circumstances in which a municipal police contract may
- 2 exceed a term of three (3) years.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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