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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION -
OBLIGATION TO BARGAIN

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

Date Introduced: January 21, 2014

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-9.1-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-9.1 entitled
2 "Firefighters' Arbitration" is hereby amended to read as follows:
3 **28-9.1-6. 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 representative or
5 representatives of the bargaining agent within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice from
6 the bargaining agent of the request for a meeting for collective bargaining purposes. This
7 obligation shall include the duty to cause any agreement resulting from the negotiations to be
8 reduced to a written contract, provided that no contract shall exceed the term of one year, unless a
9 longer period is agreed upon in writing by the corporate authorities and the bargaining agents, but
10 in no event shall the contract exceed the term of three (3) years unless a budget commission or a
11 receiver has been appointed for a municipality pursuant to ~~Chapter 45-9~~[chapter 9 of title 45](#), ~~in~~
12 ~~which case~~ [or if a municipality has a locally administered pension plan in "critical status" and is](#)
13 [required to submit a funding improvement plan pursuant to § 45-65-6\(2\), in either of which case](#)
14 the contract shall not exceed the term of five (5) years. An unfair labor practice charge may be
15 complained of by either the employer's representative or the bargaining agent to the state labor
16 relations board which shall deal with the complaint in the manner provided in chapter 7 of this
17 title.

1 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 firefighters' contract may
- 2 exceed a term of three (3) years.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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