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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - REPORTING OF CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT

Introduced By: Representatives Ackerman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Tanzi, and
Regunberg

Date Introduced: January 08, 2015

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Title 16 of the General Laws entitled "EDUCATION" is hereby amended
2 by adding thereto the following chapter:

3 CHAPTER 76.2

4 SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTING BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

5 **16-76.2-1. "Sexual assault" defined.** -- As used in this chapter, "sexual assault" means
6 first degree sexual assault as defined in § 11-37-2; second degree sexual assault as defined in §
7 11-37-4; and/or third degree sexual assault as defined in § 11-37-6.

8 **16-76.2-2. Mandatory report of sexual assault to law enforcement by institutions of**
9 **higher education.** -- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any statute, rule or regulation to the
10 contrary, in the event that an institution of higher education receives a report of an alleged sexual
11 assault made by a student enrolled in the institution or made by an employee of the institution
12 against another such student or employee, the institution shall immediately notify the appropriate
13 law enforcement authorities of the allegation.

14 (b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to preclude, or in any way restrict, an
15 institution of higher education from responding to and investigating an allegation of sexual
16 assault made pursuant to this section for the purpose of imposing disciplinary action on the
17 alleged perpetrator of the assault.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require institutions of higher education to report allegations of sexual
2 assault to law enforcement.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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