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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - EMERGENCY POLICE POWER

Introduced By: Senator Gayle L. Goldin

Date Introduced: February 02, 2017

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-42-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-42 entitled "Emergency  
2 Police Power" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 ~~45-42-3. Mutual aid -- Campus police officer~~ 45-42-3. Mutual aid -- Campus police officer  
4 and special police officer.

5 (a) Any public or private educational institution of higher learning located in this state,  
6 with a police or other public safety department consisting of campus police officers appointed  
7 pursuant to chapter 52 of title 16, or special police officers appointed pursuant to chapter 2.1 of  
8 title 12, may enter a mutual aid agreement with the city or town in which the institution is  
9 primarily located, solely for the purpose of providing emergency assistance in response to  
10 specific incidents at the request of the police chief of the city or town. Officers appointed under  
11 ~~this~~ these ~~chapter~~ chapter's must have satisfactorily completed a training academy certified by the  
12 Police Officer's Commission on Standards and Training.

13 (b) The mutual aid agreement will not be effective until formally approved by the city or  
14 town council in which the institution is located, after a public hearing and by the governing body  
15 or office of the institution of higher learning.

16 (c) The special police officers responding to a request for emergency assistance pursuant  
17 to a duly approved mutual aid agreement shall have the same authority, powers, duties, privileges,  
18 and immunities for jurisdictional purposes as a duly appointed police officer of the city or town  
19 making the request.

1           (d) The special police officers responding to the request for emergency assistance under  
2 the mutual aid agreement shall be subject to, and considered within, the control and authority of  
3 the requesting chief of police for the duration of the emergency and until released by the  
4 requesting chief of police.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would amend the statutory provisions regarding emergency police powers to  
2 clarify that higher learning institutions having special police officers are authorized to enter into  
3 mutual aid agreements with the municipality where the institution is located for the purpose of  
4 providing emergency assistance. Special police officers appointed under this chapter must  
5 complete a training academy certified by the Police Officer's Commission on Standards and  
6 Training.

7           This act would take effect upon passage.

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