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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - GENERAL POWERS

Introduced By: Senator Daniel DaPonte

Date Introduced: February 16, 2017

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 45-2 of the General Laws entitled "General Powers" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **45-2-65. Consolidation of municipal departments.**

4 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, each  
5 town and city school district shall have only one municipal department performing human  
6 resources, personnel information technology, and purchasing and maintenance functions.  
7 Accordingly, the districts shall consolidate these operations by July 1, 2020. The human resources  
8 and personnel functions shall be exempt from this requirement if their consolidation would  
9 compromise confidentiality mandates.

10 (b) In the event that these functions are not consolidated by October 1, 2020, then the  
11 auditor general shall have the power to effectuate the consolidation of the aforementioned  
12 functions. This section shall not be applied so as to interfere with existing labor contracts in effect  
13 on the date of enactment.

14 (c) To the extent that a consolidation under this section results in a reduction of an annual  
15 appropriation for the use of the schools, then the reduction shall not be deemed a violation of § 16-  
16 7-24.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would mandate that every town and city consolidate certain functions by July 1,  
2 2020.  
3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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