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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives McLaughlin, Marszalkowski, Amore, Nunes, and
Cunha

Date Introduced: February 28, 2018

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety of Pupils" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-21-37. School security.**

4 (a) It shall be the duty of the department of elementary and secondary education to
5 collaborate with the Rhode Island emergency management agency, state police, state fire marshal,
6 the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals, and other safety
7 officials to implement school safety provisions, including, but not limited to, any
8 recommendations made pursuant to §§ 16-21-23, 16-21-23.1 and 16-21-24, and shall in addition
9 to any recommendations made, thereby mandate that:

10 (1) All schools include as part of their school safety plan the installation of video
11 monitoring system using cameras capable of capturing the image of any person attempting to gain
12 access to a school by way of any entrance or exit.

13 (2) All schools have an electronic admittance system capable of allowing screening of
14 visitors prior to admittance into schools and the system shall require that entry into the school be
15 cleared with a school employee prior to access being granted.

16 (3) All schools provide in-school security guards provided by the local law enforcement
17 agency or private security companies, and which security details shall be provided during all
18 school hours.

19 (b) Funding for the implementation of this chapter shall be provided by allocating ten

1 [percent \(10%\) of any funds appropriated pursuant to § 16-7-34 and directing that those funds be](#)
2 [used by the commissioner to implement the provisions of this chapter.](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require ten percent (10%) of school aid be allocated to school safety
2 measures.

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