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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF TEACHERS GENERALLY

Introduced By: Representative Blake Anthony Filippi

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-12 of the General Laws entitled "Rights and Duties of Teachers
2 Generally" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-12-12. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation training for teachers.**

4 (a) The department of elementary and secondary education shall develop and prescribe a
5 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training course for public school teachers in the state. The
6 course shall be established in accordance with the requirements and criteria obtained from the
7 American Heart Association or the American Red Cross and the director of the department of
8 health. All teachers shall be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

9 (b) In accordance with the provisions of § 9-1-34, no teacher who renders emergency
10 assistance in the nature of cardiopulmonary resuscitation to a person in need thereof, shall be
11 liable for civil damages for any personal injuries which result from acts or omissions by such
12 persons rendering the emergency care, which may constitute ordinary negligence; provided,
13 however, that this immunity applies only to persons who have been trained in accordance with
14 standards promulgated by either the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.
15 This immunity does not apply to acts or omissions constituting gross, willful, or wanton
16 negligence. This immunity shall also extend to persons providing approved training in
17 cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with standards promulgated by either the American
18 Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require that teachers be trained and certified in cardiopulmonary
2 resuscitation (CPR).

3 This act would take effect on January 1, 2020.

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