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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND EDUCATION OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representative Stephen R. Ucci

Date Introduced: February 28, 2019

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

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. Real time threat notification.**

4 (a) The department of public safety, in consultation with the department of education and
5 the school safety board, shall deploy a statewide, real-time threat notification system for schools,
6 the purpose of which shall be to link school personnel directly to law enforcement in the event of
7 a direct threat against the school community.

8 (b) The department of public safety shall solicit bids and select a vendor to implement the
9 threat notification system based on the following criteria:

10 (1) The system can be activated by authorized school staff personnel using classroom
11 desktop computers, laptop computers, mobile phones, and other electronic devices as appropriate;

12 (2) Upon activation, the system determines the location of the nearest law enforcement
13 officers, regardless of jurisdiction, and directly notifies them of the activation;

14 (3) The system also notifies the following state and local agencies of the activation:

15 (i) The department of public safety 911 center;

16 (ii) Rhode Island state police; and

17 (iii) The appropriate local or regional dispatch center for the school.

18 (4) The system provides electronic school floor plans and related documents to
19 responding officers.

1 (5) The system provides a communication method for responding officers to
2 communicate with school personnel.

3 (c) The threat notification system for schools shall be a state-funded program, available to
4 all school districts and law enforcement agencies in the state. However, participation in the
5 program by local school districts and local law enforcement agencies shall be voluntary.

6 (d) The superintendent of the Rhode Island state police shall adopt rules relative to
7 implementation and operation of the real-time threat notification system for schools.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect sixty (60) days after passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide for a statewide real time threat notification system for schools
2 administered by the department of public safety.

3 This act would take effect sixty (60) days after passage.

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