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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: March 21, 2019

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-2-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-2 entitled "School
2 Committees and Superintendents [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of
3 Education Act]" is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **16-2-3. Emergency reduction of school year.**

5 In the event of any emergency brought about by the incidence of any epidemic or the
6 threat of an epidemic or any emergency which may endanger the health of children or the
7 physical well being of the community, the school committee of any city or town with the
8 approval of the ~~board of regents for~~ council on elementary and secondary education may reduce
9 the number of school days to not less than one hundred seventy (170) days; provided, that the
10 compensation of teachers, janitors, clerks, and other employees in the public schools of the city or
11 town shall not be reduced by reason of the shortening of the school year; provided, further, that
12 the school committee demonstrates a good faith effort to use the procedures set forth in § 16-2-
13 2(a) and (c) to meet the required number of days set forth in § 16-2-2(a).

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require a school committee to demonstrate a good faith effort to meet the
2 required number of days in the school year.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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