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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICAL THERAPISTS

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Conley, Goodwin, Lombardo, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: April 30, 2019

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5-40 of the General Laws entitled "Physical Therapists" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **5-40-23. Physical therapy in a school setting.**

4 A physical therapist licensed under this chapter may perform physical therapy services
5 without a prescription or referral, when providing physical therapy services in a school setting to
6 a student in accordance with the provisions of the student's individualized education plan (IEP) or
7 individualized family service plan (IFSP).

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would authorize a licensed physical therapist to perform physical therapy
2 services to a student while in school without a prescription or referral, in accordance with the
3 student's IEP or IFSP.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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