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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND THANKING THE BURRILLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SCHOOL SAFETY

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, Ruggerio, Paolino, Morgan, and Algieri

Date Introduced: June 11, 2019

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, In these challenging times, school safety has become of paramount
2 importance to students and their parents as well as for school staff and local police departments;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Burrillville Police Department has developed and implemented clear
5 school policies and protocols that will enable the five public schools in Burrillville to be prepared
6 in the event of any threat of violence at the schools; and

7 WHEREAS, Lockdown Drills are conducted twice a year at each school, with officers,
8 school staff, and administration responding in concert, and security posts have been established in
9 each school with a daily walk through conducted by trained officers and held at the beginning and
10 end of each school day, in conjunction with and supplementing the School's Resource Officer;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, The Burrillville Police Department has also established an Active Shooter
13 Team, which meets with school SRO officers, local Fire District representatives, and school
14 department personnel once a month, and are equipped to be deployed to any school quickly; and

15 WHEREAS, Any and all threats at Burrillville's Schools are taken seriously and
16 thoroughly vetted, and the Police Department has provided additional training for officers in the
17 best practices to address all aspects of school safety; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition, all members of the Police Department are issued key cards that
19 allow them immediate access into the schools during an emergency or critical incident, with

1 Supervisors having master keys, which allow them to open doors once inside the school; and

2 WHEREAS, Keeping our children safe to learn and grow in an environment free from
3 harm or threat is essential in providing for their successful education and affording them with the
4 potential for a bright and prosperous future; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby congratulates and thanks the Burrillville Police Department for its efforts to promote
7 school safety; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Colonel Stephen J. Lynch, Burrillville Chief of
10 Police.

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