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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

Introduced By: Senators Burke, Pearson, Gallo, LaMountain, Bissailon, Britto, and
Tikoian

Date Introduced: January 10, 2024

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-16-38 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-16 entitled "Teachers'
2 Retirement [See Title 16 Chapter 97 — The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **16-16-38. Social security.**

5 (a) All public school teachers hired on or after July 1, 2024, shall be required to participate
6 in the social security retirement system. Payroll taxes, in the form of benefit contributions made
7 under the federal Social Security Act, shall be deducted from their payroll checks.

8 (b) Notwithstanding the above provision, Sections §§ 16-16-25 through 16-16-38 shall not
9 apply to teachers of any city, town, or regional school district who have elected coverage under the
10 federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq., under the provisions of chapter 7 of title 36,
11 unless previously granted grandfather rights. The general treasurer is authorized and directed to
12 enter into or amend any agreement with the federal government that is necessary to implement the
13 provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, any agreement with the federal government
14 entered into pursuant to § 36-7-3.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all public school teachers hired on or after July 1, 2024, to
2 participate in the retirement system social security pursuant to chapter 7 of title 36.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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