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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF TEACHERS GENERALLY

Introduced By: Representatives Casimiro, Furtado, Cortvriend, and Potter

Date Introduced: February 06, 2026

Referred To: House Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 16-12 of the General Laws entitled "Rights and Duties of Teachers

2   Generally" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3   **16-12-12. Districts to consult list when hiring teachers who are new to the district.**

4   (a) The following definitions apply in this section unless the context clearly requires

5   otherwise.

6   (1) "Applicant" means an applicant for employment as a teacher in a certificated or

7   classified position who is currently or was previously employed by a school district other than the

8   district where the applicant is applying for employment.

9   (2) "Department" means the Rhode Island department of elementary and secondary

10   education.

11   (3) "Employer" means a school district employer.

12   (b) Before hiring an applicant, a school district shall contact the department, and the

13   department shall disclose whether or not the applicant's name appears on a list of those teachers

14   who have been terminated for good and just cause, which list is maintained by the department

15   pursuant to § 16-13-9.

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

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1   This act would require that before hiring an applicant for employment as a teacher in a

2   school district, the district would contact the department of elementary and secondary education,

3   and the department would disclose whether or not the applicant's name appears on a list of those

4   teachers who have been terminated for good and just cause, which list is maintained by the

5   department pursuant to § 16-13-9.

6   This act would take effect upon passage.

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