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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Introduced By: Representatives Santucci, Hopkins, Nardone, Paplauskas, Chippendale,  
Place, Roberts, and Fascia

Date Introduced: February 12, 2026

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 45-21-54 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-21 entitled "Retirement  
2 of Municipal Employees" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **45-21-54. Reemployment of retired members.**

4           Any retired member of the system is permitted to reenter the service of the system for not  
5 more than ~~seventy-five (75)~~ ninety (90) working days or its equivalent of six hundred thirty (630)  
6 working hours in a calendar year without interruption of pension benefits. Pension payments,  
7 however, are suspended when that period is exceeded. This ~~seventy-five-day (75)~~ ninety-day (90)  
8 rule shall not apply to police officers, as defined in § 28-9.2-3, for the purposes of their working  
9 private details, paid for by a nongovernmental entity. If the retired member continues in service  
10 beyond the ~~seventy-five-day (75)~~ ninety (90) working day period (with his or her annuity  
11 temporarily suspended) the member is not eligible for pension credit for the additional service, nor  
12 is the member required to make pension contributions for this service; provided, that any retired  
13 member of the system is permitted to serve as an elected city or town council member or school  
14 committee member and continues to be eligible for and receive the retirement allowance for service  
15 other than that as a council member or school committee member.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would increase the number of days a retired municipal employee could work in a  
2 calendar year without interruption of pension benefits to ninety (90) days or its equivalent of six  
3 hundred thirty (630) hours.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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