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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: Senate Labor & Gaming

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-16 of the General Laws entitled "Teachers' Retirement [See Title  
2   16 Chapter 97 — The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding thereto  
3   the following section:

4           **16-16-44. Member employment after retirement.**

5           (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any retired member of the  
6   employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, under titles 16, 36, or 45, may be employed in a  
7   full-time or part-time position, within the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island, without  
8   any forfeiture of or reduction in, their retirement benefits and allowances the member is receiving,  
9   or may receive, provided the retired member:

10          (i) Resides in Rhode Island for two hundred seventy (270) days in a calendar year; and

11          (ii) Has an annual gross income from all sources that is less than fifty-five thousand dollars  
12   (\$55,000).

13          (b) Notice of the reemployment shall be sent monthly to the state retirement board by the  
14   employer and by the retired member.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would allow retired teachers, state and municipal workers to be employed without  
2 the loss of any retirement benefits, as long as they reside in Rhode Island at least two hundred  
3 seventy (270) days and have an annual income from all sources that is less than fifty-five thousand  
4 dollars (\$55,000).

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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