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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Introduced By: Representatives Solomon, Jacquard, Vella-Wilkinson, McNamara, and
O'Brien

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 11-37.1-11 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-37.1 entitled "Sexual
2 Offender Registration and Community Notification" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **11-37.1-11. Release of information.**

4 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this chapter or as provided in subsections (b) or (c)
5 of this section, no information obtained under this chapter shall be released or transferred without
6 the written consent of the person or his or her authorized representative.

7 (b) No consent for release or transfer of information obtained under this chapter shall be
8 required in the following instances:

9 (1) Information may be disclosed to law enforcement agencies for law enforcement
10 purposes;

11 (2) Information may be disclosed to government agencies conducting confidential
12 background checks;

13 (3) The designated law enforcement agency and any local law enforcement agency
14 authorized by the state agency may release relevant information that is necessary to protect
15 individuals concerning a specific person required to register under this chapter, except that the
16 identity of a victim of an offense that requires registration under this section shall not be released;

17 (4) Information may be released or disseminated in accordance with the provisions of §
18 11-37.1-12; ~~and~~

1 (5) Information shall be disclosed by the local police department to the general public in
2 a city or town for those registered offenders determined to be either a level 2 or level 3 offender
3 as determined consistent with parole board guidelines- ; and

4 (6) Information shall be disclosed by the local police department to the local school
5 department for those registered offenders determined to be level 3 offenders by the parole board
6 for the purposes of notifying parents of students whose bus stop is within one thousand feet
7 (1,000') of a level 3 sex offender's residence.

8 (c) Any local law enforcement agency shall release relevant information collected
9 pursuant to § 11-37.1-3(c) to any campus police agency appointed pursuant to § 16-15-2 or police
10 for private institutions appointed pursuant to § 12-2.1-1 for any person having a duty to register
11 who is enrolled in, employed by or carrying on a vocation at an institution of higher education.
12 That agency may release relevant information that is necessary to protect individuals concerning
13 a specific person required to register under this chapter, except that the identity of a victim of an
14 offense that requires registration under this section shall not be released.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require local law enforcement to share information with local school
2 departments for the purposes of notifying parents of students whose bus stop is within one
3 thousand feet (1000') of the residence of a level 3 sex offender.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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