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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, McNamara, Slater, Williams, and Maldonado

Date Introduced: March 29, 2017

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety of Pupils" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-21-21.2. Student's bill of rights.**

4 No pupil attending public or private schools of elementary and high school grades
5 inclusive of kindergarten shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion,
6 ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic
7 status or mental, physical, developmental, or sensory disability, or by association with an
8 individual or group who has, or is perceived to have one, or more of such characteristics.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would provide students attending public or private schools enrolled in grades K-
2 12 with a student's bill of rights prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, gender, economic
3 status or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disabilities.
4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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