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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Gallo, Lombardi, Metts, and Pearson

Date Introduced: February 01, 2018

Referred To: Senate Education

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 **16-21-5.1. Carbon monoxide detectors required in school buildings.**

4 Effective January 1, 2019, all school buildings where students are in attendance for any
5 portion of the day shall be required to have carbon monoxide detectors installed and maintained
6 therein, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the National Fire Protection Association
7 ("NFPA") Code and the state fire safety code ("state code"), chapter 28.1 of title 23. The fire
8 safety code board of appeal and review (the "board") established pursuant to chapter 28.3 of title
9 23 shall have authority to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to enforce the provisions of
10 this section. Provided, in the event the state fire marshal determines that neither the NFPA code
11 nor the state code have provisions in place to govern such installation, then the state fire marshal
12 may use the provisions of NFPA Code 72, 2010 edition, NFPA Code 720, 2012 edition, the state
13 fire code, and any additional requirements provided under those codes for licensed nursery or day
14 care services, as guidance in the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in schools, until such
15 time as the board promulgates applicable rules and regulations.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require that effective January 1, 2019, all school buildings where students
2 are in attendance would be required to have carbon monoxide detectors installed and maintained
3 therein. The act would also authorize the fire safety code board of appeal and review to
4 promulgate rules and regulations to enforce the provisions of this requirement.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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