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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (SEE TITLE 16 CHAPTER 97 -
- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT)

Introduced By: Representatives Shanley, Tanzi, and Phillips

Date Introduced: February 09, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-16-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-16 entitled "Teachers'
2 Retirement [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board of Education Act]" is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:

4 **16-16-20. Deduction of amounts received from workers' compensation or as damages.**

5 Any amount paid or payable under the provisions of any workers' compensation law,
6 [exclusive of Medicare set aside allocations, specific compensation benefits or any benefits due](#)
7 [pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement](#) or as the result of any action for damages
8 for personal injuries against the state, on account of the death or disability of a teacher, shall be
9 offset against and payable in lieu of any benefits payable out of funds provided by the state under
10 the provisions of this chapter on account of the death or disability of the teacher. If the value of the
11 total commuted benefits under any workers' compensation law or action is less than the present
12 value on an actuarial basis of the benefits otherwise payable under this chapter, the value of the
13 commuted payments shall be deducted from the present value of the benefits, and the balance
14 thereof shall be payable under the provisions of this chapter.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would prevent the state from reducing retirement benefits due for teachers, by the
2 amount they received for workers' compensation specific compensation and Medicare set aside
3 allocations, thereby treating them the same way state and municipal employees are treated.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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