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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - THREATS AND EXTORTION

Introduced By: Representatives Amore, Kazarian, Melo, and Hearn

Date Introduced: February 14, 2013

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 11-42 of the General Laws entitled "Threats and Extortion" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **11-42-4.1. Threats to commit serious bodily harm to persons on school property. --**

4 (a) Whoever knowingly and willfully delivers or conveys, directly or indirectly, a verbal or
5 written threat to take the life of, or to inflict bodily harm, and the threat would place the person
6 who is the object of the threat in reasonable apprehension of death or bodily harm, and such threat
7 is:

8 (1) On the grounds or premises of any elementary, middle, or secondary school property;

9 (2) At any elementary, middle, or secondary school-sponsored event; or

10 (3) On a school bus to any person or persons, regardless of whether the person who is the
11 object of the threat actually receives the threat, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be imprisoned
12 for not more than five (5) years, or fined not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), or both.

13 (b) For purposes of this section, an electronically transmitted communication producing a
14 visual or electronic message is "written" or in writing.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would establish a separate felony for making a threat to commit serious bodily
- 2 harm to persons on school property.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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