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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

Introduced By: Representatives Ranglin-Vassell, Perez, Williams, McEntee, and
O'Brien

Date Introduced: March 23, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-11-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-11 entitled
2 "Certification of Teachers [See Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board Of Education Act]"
3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 **16-11-2. Examinations -- Issuance of certificates.**

5 (a) The ~~board of regents for~~ council on elementary and secondary education shall hold, or
6 cause to be held, in any places in different parts of the state and at any times it may determine,
7 examinations for the position of teacher in the public schools of this state; and the ~~board of~~
8 ~~regents for~~ council on elementary and secondary education is authorized to issue certificates of
9 qualification which shall be valid throughout the state for the grade and time specified in the
10 certificate. All assessed fees shall be deposited as general revenues.

11 (b) The fee for taking any examination required to be licensed and certified as a teacher
12 shall be waived for any teaching candidate who possesses a bachelor's degree.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 2 and certified as a teacher when the teaching candidate possesses a bachelor's degree.
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