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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018**

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# AN ACT

### RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

<u>Introduced By:</u> Representatives Vella-Wilkinson, McLaughlin, Nardolillo, Lancia, and Serpa

Date Introduced: January 19, 2018

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-11 of the General Laws entitled "Certification of Teachers [See 2 Title 16 Chapter 97 - The Rhode Island Board Of Education Act]" is hereby amended by adding 3 thereto the following section: 16-11-8. Recruitment and selection of teachers - Troops to teachers. 4 5 (a) The Rhode Island department of education shall, as part of its certification of qualified candidates, utilize, and apply for available grants with, the Troops to Teachers (TTT) program 6 7 whose oversight is provided by the United States Department of Defense and managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES). 8 9 (b) The implementation of the TTT program pursuant to this section shall be contingent 10 upon federal funding. State funds or appropriations shall not be utilized in connection with the 11 implementation of this section. 12 (c) The commissioner shall promulgate whatever rules and regulations including the 13 creation of necessary forms and applications that are required to carry out the provisions of this 14 section. 15 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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# **EXPLANATION**

### BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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This act would direct the department of education to utilize the federal government's

Troops to Teachers program, and would further provide that the implementation of the program would be contingent on federal funding.

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