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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFIED NURSE-TEACHER

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, O'Brien, Azzinaro, Noret, and Casimiro

Date Introduced: January 27, 2021

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 16-21-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-21 entitled "Health and  
2 Safety of Pupils" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **16-21-8. Certified nurse-teacher.**

4           Each school system shall employ certified nurse-teacher personnel certified by the state  
5 department of elementary and secondary education; provided, however, that this section shall not  
6 apply to those school districts which are currently allowed to share certified nurse-teacher personnel  
7 by the department of elementary and secondary education. The school health program as defined  
8 in § 16-21-7 shall only be staffed by certified [nurse-teacher](#) personnel.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require that only certified nurses-teachers may be employed as school
- 2 nurses in elementary and secondary schools.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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