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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFIED NURSE-TEACHER

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Murray, Bell, DiPalma, Cano, Euer, and Gallo

Date Introduced: January 26, 2021

Referred To: Senate Education

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

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