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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

Introduced By: Representatives O'Brien, Biah, Corvese, McNamara, Ackerman, Hull,  
Slater, Donovan, Kazarian, and DeSimone

Date Introduced: February 28, 2024

Referred To: House Education

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:

4 **16-11-3.1. Emergency certification.**

5 Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter or any regulations to the contrary,  
6 including, but not limited to, § 16-11-3, the Rhode Island board of education may, upon an initial  
7 application, issue an emergency preliminary certificate to persons without examination for a period  
8 of one year. This emergency preliminary certificate may be renewed up to two (2) times for up to  
9 two (2) additional years each, in order that the total time a person may receive an emergency  
10 preliminary certificate shall be up to five (5) years.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would allow emergency preliminary certificates for teaching to be issued for up to
- 2 a total of five (5) years.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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