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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - STAFFING

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, O'Brien, Tanzi, Amore, and Messier

Date Introduced: January 29, 2014

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 16-73 of the General Laws entitled "Education - Social Services" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **16-73-5. School social worker staffing. -- In grades kindergarten through twelve (12),**  
4 **each public school shall have assigned to it, at least one full-time social worker for every four**  
5 **hundred (400) students. For purposes of this section, "social worker" shall mean any person who**  
6 **holds a valid professional certificate in school social work issued by the state department of**  
7 **education.**

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

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require all public schools in grades kindergarten through twelve (12), to
- 2   have at least one full-time certified school social worker for every four hundred (400) students.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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