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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - GENERAL POWERS - BACKGROUND CHECKS

Introduced By: Senator P Fogarty

Date Introduced: January 21, 2014

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 45-2-3.3 of the General Laws in Chapter 45-2 entitled "General
2 Powers" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **45-2-3.3. Background checks.** -- ~~Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any~~
4 ~~municipal recreation department may request a background check from their local police~~
5 ~~department for any employee or volunteer serving their community.~~ Notwithstanding any
6 provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, any person seeking to work or volunteer
7 for a municipal recreation department, or any municipal recreation department having the written
8 authorization of a person seeking to work or volunteer for the municipal recreation department,
9 may request a Rhode Island criminal history background check from their local police department
10 for that person. The Rhode Island criminal history background check shall be a certified true copy
11 of the criminal record report and shall bear indicia of authenticity including being printed on local
12 police department letterhead with a raised seal and bearing the signature of a duly appointed local
13 police officer.

14 Further, notwithstanding any provision of the general or public laws to the contrary, any
15 person seeking to work or volunteer for a fire department or fire district located in the town of
16 Burrillville, or any fire department or fire district having the written authorization of a person
17 seeking to work or volunteer for the fire department or fire district located in the town of
18 Burrillville, may request a Rhode Island criminal history background check from the Burrillville
19 Police Department for that person. The Rhode Island criminal history background check shall be

1 a certified true copy of the criminal record report and shall bear indicia of authenticity including
2 being printed on Burrillville Police Department letterhead with a raised seal and bearing the
3 signature of a duly appointed Burrillville Police Officer.

4 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 municipal recreation departments to obtain written authorization
2 to perform a background check on a volunteer or employee.

3 This act would also authorize any fire district or fire department located in the Town of
4 Burrillville to request written authorization to perform a background check from their local police
5 department for any employee or volunteer serving their community as a firefighter or employee
6 of the fire district.

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