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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- CERTIFIED SCHOOL TEACHERS'
ARBITRATION

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Ruggerio, Pearson, McCaffrey, and Archambault

Date Introduced: January 30, 2014

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 28-9.3-4 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-9.3 entitled "Certified
2 School Teachers' Arbitration" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **28-9.3-4. Obligation to bargain.** -- It shall be the obligation of the school committee to
4 meet and confer in good faith with the representative or representatives of the negotiating or
5 bargaining agent within ten (10) days after receipt of written notice from the agent of the request
6 for a meeting for negotiating or collective bargaining purposes. This obligation includes the duty
7 to cause any agreement resulting from negotiations or bargaining to be reduced to a written
8 contract; provided, that no contract shall exceed the term of three (3) years unless a budget
9 commission or a receiver has been appointed for a municipality pursuant to chapter 45-9, in
10 which case the contract shall not exceed the term of five (5) years. Provided, further, no
11 municipality which has a locally administered pension plan in "critical status," and is required to
12 submit a funding improvement plan pursuant to § 45-65-6(2) shall enter into a contract exceeding
13 a term of five (5) years. An unfair labor practice charge may be complained of by either the
14 bargaining agent or the school committee to the state labor relations board which shall deal with
15 the complaint in the manner provided in chapter 7 of this title.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would prohibit any municipality which has a locally administered pension plan
- 2 in "critical status" from entering into labor contracts under this chapter exceeding five (5) years.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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