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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHER ASSISTANTS

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Archambault, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 27, 2014

Referred To: Senate Education

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-11.2-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-11.2 entitled  
2 "Qualifications of Teacher Assistants" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **16-11.2-1. "Teacher assistant" defined.** -- The term "teacher assistant" as used in this  
4 chapter is deemed to include any person employed to provide instructional or other direct services  
5 to students (and/or their parents/legal guardian) under the supervision and direction of the  
6 classroom teacher or other appropriately-certified professional staff. The department of  
7 elementary and secondary education shall coordinate the development of program standards for a  
8 training program for teacher assistants. [Non-certified teacher assistants and special education](#)  
9 [teacher assistants shall not be subject to the same laws, standards, policies, procedures, and rules](#)  
10 [that govern certified teachers.](#) The department of elementary and secondary education shall  
11 develop and make program standards available.

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that non-certified teacher assistants and special education teacher  
2 assistants would not be subject to the same laws, standards, policies, procedures, and rules that  
3 govern certified teachers.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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