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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2007

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RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Naughton, Singleton, Ginaitt, and Gablinske

Date Introduced: January 10, 2007

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 16-21-7 of the General Laws in Chapter 16-21 entitled "Health and
2 Safety of Pupils" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **16-21-7. School health.** -- (a) All schools that are approved for the purpose of sections
4 16-19-1 and 16-19-2 shall have a school health program which shall be approved by the state
5 director of the department of health and the commissioner of elementary and secondary education
6 or the commissioner of higher education, as appropriate. The program shall provide for the
7 organized direction and supervision of a healthful school environment, health education, and
8 services. The program shall include and provide, within and consistent with existing school
9 facilities, for the administration of nursing care by certified nurse teachers, as defined in section
10 16-21-8, as shall be requested, in writing, by the attending physician of any student and
11 authorized, in writing, by the parent or legal guardian of the student. No instruction in the
12 characteristics, symptoms, and the treatment of disease shall be given to any child whose parent
13 or guardian shall present a written statement signed by them stating that the instructions should
14 not be given the child because of religious beliefs.

15 (b) All Rhode Island elementary, middle and junior high schools that sell or distribute
16 beverages and snacks on their premises, including those sold through vending machines, shall be
17 required to offer healthier beverages effective January 1, 2007, and healthier snacks effective
18 January 1, 2008 as defined in chapter 21 of this title.

19 (c) All Rhode Island senior high schools that sell or distribute beverages and snacks on

1 their premises, including those sold through vending machines, shall be required to offer only
2 healthier beverages and snacks effective January 1, 2008 as defined in chapter 21 of this title.

3 ~~(e)~~(d) Schools may permit the sale of beverages and snacks that do not comply with the
4 above paragraph as part of school fundraising in any of the following circumstances:

5 (1) The items are sold by pupils of the school and the sale of those items takes place off
6 and away from the premises of the school.

7 (2) The items are sold by pupils of the school and the sale of those items takes place one
8 hour or more after the end of the school day.

9 (3) The items sold during a school sponsored pupil activity after the end of the school
10 day.

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

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would require all Rhode Island senior high schools that sell or distribute
2 beverages and snacks on their premises, including those sold through vending machines, to offer
3 only healthier beverages and snacks effective January 1, 2008.

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