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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

Introduced By: Representatives Baldelli-Hunt, Giannini, Pacheco, Brien, and Wasylyk

Date Introduced: February 28, 2007

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 16-21 of the General Laws entitled "Health and Safety of Pupils" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **16-21-30. Notice of peanut/tree nut allergies -- Posting. -- (a) In any school subject to**
4 **the provisions of this chapter wherein a student with an allergy to peanuts/tree nuts and/or food**
5 **derived from peanut/tree nuts products is in attendance, a notice shall be posted within that school**
6 **building in a conspicuous place at every point of entry and within the cafeteria facility advising**
7 **that there are students at said school with allergies to peanuts/tree nuts. The notice shall not**
8 **identify the individual(s) with such allergy.**

9 **(b) In the event a student who is enrolled in a school is known to have an allergy to**
10 **peanuts/tree nuts and/or food derived from peanut/tree nut products, the school administration**
11 **shall prohibit the sale of peanuts/tree nuts, peanut butter and other peanut based products in the**
12 **school cafeteria.**

13 **(c) This section shall apply to any building, modular classroom, or similar structure used**
14 **by a school district for instruction and education of elementary or middle school students.**

15 **(d) In the event a school district knows that an elementary or middle school student has a**
16 **peanut or tree nut allergy, the district shall:**

17 **(1) Designate a peanut/tree nut free table and peanut/tree nut table in the cafeteria; and**
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- 1 [\(2\) Designate one classroom per grade to be peanut/tree nut free.](#)
- 2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 The act would require schools to post a notice in a conspicuous place advising if there is
- 2 a student in the school that has an allergy to peanuts and prohibit the sale of peanuts and peanut
- 3 based products in the cafeteria if it is known that an enrolled student has a peanut allergy.
- 4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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