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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: Senators Issa, and Maselli

Date Introduced: February 13, 2007

Referred To: Senate Education

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"  
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **16-21-21.1. Penalties for drug, alcohol or weapons offenses.** – [The discipline of any](#)  
4 [public school student for violating a school policy relating to the possession or use of alcohol,](#)  
5 [drugs or weapons not described in section 16-21-18 of this chapter, shall be imposed on a case-](#)  
6 [by-case basis pursuant to guidelines developed and promulgated by the school committee for that](#)  
7 [district. The guidelines and any discipline imposed shall take into account the nature and](#)  
8 [circumstances of the violation and the applicability of any federal laws governing students with](#)  
9 [disabilities.](#)

10           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 provide that the discipline for any public school student who is in  
2 possession or use of alcohol, drugs or weapons, would be imposed on a case-by-case basis  
3 pursuant to guidelines promulgated by the school committee for that district.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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