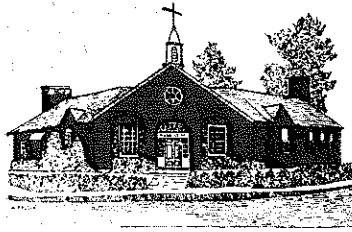


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Burrillville Town Council Opposing House Bill H -5662 and House Bill H-5663 Acts Relating to Labor and Labor Relations

- WHEREAS, House Bills H-5662 and H-5663, Acts Relating to Labor and Labor Relations –are under consideration in the House Committee on Labor in the Rhode Island General Assembly; and
- WHEREAS, these Bills would remove the overtime exemption for firefighters unless they are paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times their regular rate for all hours worked in excess of forty-two (42) hours and would force communities to pay overtime to firefighters for hours worked in excess of 42 hours per week; and
- WHEREAS, while many communities currently pay overtime for over 42 hours, that is a negotiated benefit, and the state should not enact provisions more generous than Federal law; and
- WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Expenditure Council found that Rhode Island had the highest per capita spending on fire protection services in FY2016 – more than double the national average; and
- WHEREAS, these bills erode management rights that have been upheld by the Rhode Island Supreme Court, further increase the costs of fire protection services and interfere with ongoing contract negotiations; and
- WHEREAS, every time the General Assembly restricts the ability of municipal officials to control personnel costs, it ultimately increases our already high property tax burden; and
- WHEREAS, if enacted, these Bills would infringe on local officials' ability to manage their public safety forces efficiently and would lead to even higher costs in the Town of Burrillville; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville, do respectfully requests that the House Committee on Labor oppose H-5662 and H-5663.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Town's legislative delegation and the members of the House Committee on Labor, in consideration of their support to defeat this amendment to the General Laws.

Adopted this 10th day of April 2019.

ATTEST:

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