

# TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

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## **Burrillville Town Council Resolution In opposition to Senate Bill S-2891 An Act Relating to Public Officers and Employees Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance**

- WHEREAS, Senate Bill S-2891 would amend Section 37-7-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-7 entitled "Federal Old Age and Survivors' Insurance"; and
- WHEREAS, the amendment covers the group that includes all employees of the school district of a municipality; and
- WHEREAS, the municipalities of the state shall subscribe to the federal state agreement as set forth in § 36-7-3 for the purpose of extending benefits of title II of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 401 et seq.; and
- WHEREAS, this act would now require municipalities to ensure that school district employees are eligible for social security benefits under title II of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 401 et seq.; and
- WHEREAS, the cost to the Town of Burrillville would be \$997,772 in the first year, and the annual cost would increase each year; and
- WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Senate Bill S-2891 will create an unprecedented unfunded mandate, and would cause financial hardship; and
- WHEREAS, the Rhode Island tax cap, which has allowed cities and towns to manage municipal real estate taxes, would be effectively neutralized; and
- WHEREAS, the Town of Burrillville, in the strongest terms, rejects the implementation of S-2891; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Burrillville respectfully requests that the Burrillville delegation and all of the General Assembly membership reject Senate Bill S-2891 as an excessive unfunded mandate being imposed on the cities and towns of the State of Rhode Island.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every Rhode Island municipality and Burrillville's legislators requesting they support us in opposition to this legislation.

Adopted as a resolution this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

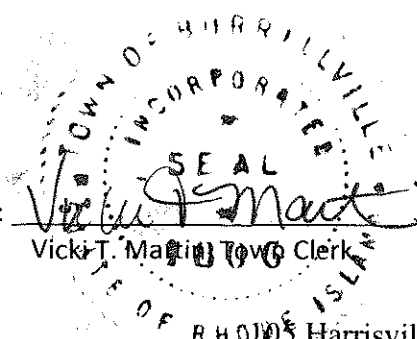
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Donald A. Fox, President  
Burrillville Town Council

ATTEST:

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Vicki T. Martin, Town Clerk



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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

A N A C T

RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- FEDERAL OLD-AGE AND  
SURVIVORS' INSURANCE

Introduced By: Senators Seveney, DiPalma, Acosta, Miller, Coyne, Gallo, Lombardo,  
Anderson, Calkin, and Euer

Date Introduced: April 26, 2022

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 36-7-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 36-7 entitled "Federal Old-  
2   Age and Survivors' Insurance" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **36-7-6. Subscription to agreement by city, town, or state agency.**

4           (a) For a coverage group that includes all employees of the school district of a municipality,  
5   the municipalities of the state shall subscribe to the federal state agreement as set forth in § 36-7-3  
6   for the purpose of extending benefits of title II of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 401  
7   et seq., in conformity with applicable provisions of such Act, and with the assistance of the general  
8   treasurer as provided in this chapter.

9           (b) For all employees not covered pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, Any any city,  
10   town, or agency of the state as defined in § 36-7-2(2) shall have the option of subscribing to the  
11   federal state agreement as described in § 36-7-3. The action shall be taken by the adoption of an  
12   ordinance, resolution, or vote by the legislative body thereof which shall be the city council in the  
13   case of a city, or a financial town meeting in the case of a town, or the board of directors, authority,  
14   commissioners, trustees, or other governing body in the case of an agency of the state. The  
15   resolution, ordinance, or vote shall indicate its intention of extending the benefits of title II of the  
16   federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 401 et seq., in conformity with the provisions of that act,  
17   to employees of the city, town, or agency of the state as a coverage group, as herein defined. The  
18   resolution, ordinance, or vote, to be acceptable, must contain at least the following provisions,

1 requirements, and conditions:

2 (1) To meet fully the requirements of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 301 et  
3 seq., and be in accord with the provisions of the federal state agreement herein provided;

4 (2) To provide that all services which constitute employment as herein defined and are  
5 performed in the employ of the city or town or agency of the state by employees thereof, shall be  
6 included in the designated coverage group;

7 (3) To specify the source or sources from which funds necessary to make contributions in  
8 the amounts and at the rates specified in the federal state agreement, are expected to be derived,  
9 and contain reasonable assurance that those sources will at all times be adequate to meet this  
10 obligation;

11 (4) To provide for such methods of administration of its plan of participation under the  
12 agreement as will insure the proper and effective operation thereof;

13 (5) To provide that the city, town, or agency of the state will make such reports, in such  
14 form and containing such information as may be prescribed from time to time by the general  
15 treasurer in accordance with directives or regulations of the secretary, and that the city, town, or  
16 agency of the state will at all times comply with such other rules or regulations as the general  
17 treasurer or the administrator may from time to time prescribe to assure the correctness and  
18 verification of the reports.

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

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF

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- 1           This act would require municipalities to ensure that school district employees are eligible  
2   for social security benefits under title II of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 401 et seq.  
3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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