



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 14, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Section 43-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I transmit, with my disapproval, 2010 H 7209, "An Act Criminal Procedure – Arrest."

This act would add the Rhode Island School of Design ("RISD") Department of Public Safety officers to the definition of peace officer.

The men and women of the Rhode Island School of Design Department of Public Safety are professionals who do an important job in a sometimes difficult environment. These officers have helped to keep safe the many students who attend RISD, as well as the many visitors to the campus. However, the capital city is already home to the largest police department in the state. There is no compelling reason to give arrest powers to another public safety agency in the city, especially in this instance where there is no requirement that RISD public safety officers undergo the rigorous training of the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy or comparable POST Certified police academy.

For these reasons, I disapprove of this legislation and respectfully urge your support of this veto.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Carcieri
Governor