
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
AND
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

NOTICE OF JOINT HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2024
TIME: Rise of the Senate
PLACE: Senate Lounge – State House

House Bill No. [7225](#)
(Governor)
BY Abney
ENTITLED, AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025
{LC4143/1}
01/18/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: FY2024 Supplemental and FY2025 Budgets

[Article 8: Relating to Education](#)

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2053](#)
BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, E Morgan, Raptakis, DeLuca
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE BRIGHT TODAY SCHOLARSHIP AND OPEN ENROLLMENT EDUCATION ACT {LC3684/1} (Establishes a new educational program that allows students to enroll public and private schools of their choice.)
01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2168](#)
BY Pearson, Gallo, Lawson, DiPalma, Euer, Cano, DiMario, Ruggerio
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL FUNDS AND PROPERTY {LC4251/1} (Directs the department of education to develop and adopt regulations for energy capable school buildings.)
01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2310](#)
BY Ciccone, F. Lombardi, Burke, LaMountain, Tikoian
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION {LC4525/1} (Restores longevity payments of five percent (5%) of base salary for employees after ten (10) years of service and increase to ten percent (10%) of base salary after twenty (20) years of service, beginning July 1, 2024.)
02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2340](#)
BY E Morgan, Rogers, de la Cruz, Raptakis
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM {LC3732/1} (Establishes a new program where the per pupil funding, calculated annually by RIDE, would be transferred into a newly created educational funding account run by the children's scholarship fund to pay for educational expenses.)
02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2365](#)

BY Murray, DiPalma, Cano, Sosnowski, Acosta, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PAUL W. CROWLEY STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC4496/1} (Restructures professional development investment fund to assume duties of dissemination of curriculum materials/frameworks/assessments/development plans with annual allocation of \$200 per student.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2546](#)

BY Valverde, Pearson, DiPalma, Gallo, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT {LC4822/1} (Modifies the current law to allow for approval of construction projects within school districts, rather than needing the project to be commenced by a certain date, permitting the municipality to take advantage of the state's enhanced school bonuses.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL *Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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