
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

The appointment of Blake Johnson will not be heard at this time

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 20, 2024

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Reappointment of Marisa Brown to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.

Reappointment of Bethany Lardaro to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.

Reappointment of Silvermoon LaRose to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.

Appointment of Amy Leidtke VICE Lorraine Hynes to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2026.

Appointment of Elvys Ruiz VICE Mohammed Farzan to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.

Appointment of Mary K. Talbot VICE Kate Blacklock to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2027.

Reappointment of Kelley A. Morrissey to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2029.

Appointment of Dr. Kim Stack VICE Bonnie Saccucci to the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority for a term expiring January 31, 2029.

~~Appointment of Blake Johnson VICE Jennifer Fonseca to the Rhode Island State Arts Council for a term expiring March 1, 2025.~~

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2142](#)

BY Cano, DiMario, Gallo, Lawson, Murray, Zurier, Euer, Lauria, Britto, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION WORKFORCE DATA ACT {LC4213/1} (Codifies the previously funded Rhode Island early care and education workforce registry data system.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2038](#)

BY Cano, DiMario, Bissailon, Gallo, Lawson, Pearson, Murray, Lauria, Valverde, Quezada ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR COMPENSATION STABILIZATION ACT {LC4137/1} (Directs the departments of human services and education to work together to sustain and strengthen existing workforce development and compensation programs for educators working in licensed child care and early learning programs statewide.)

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2529](#)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO VERY YOUNG CHILDREN {LC5363/1} (Removes private schools from the provisions of the general laws relating to educational services to very young children.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Resolution No. [2530](#)

BY Gallo, Cano, Lawson, Pearson, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONTINUED FOCUS AND ACTIONS FOR IMPROVED COORDINATION BETWEEN AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD AND EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS {LC5174/1}

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2144](#)

BY Quezada, Euer, Cano, Valverde, Ujifusa, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES {LC3868/1} (Requires transition planning for high school students with disabilities, who have a "504" plan, like the transition planning required for high school students with disabilities, who have an individualized education program (IEP).)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2280](#)

BY DiMario, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM {LC4837/1} (Enables cities and towns to enact enabling legislation authorizing a partner program to assist students with an IEP for specially designed physical education classes.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2512](#)

BY Valverde, DiPalma, Miller, Acosta, Murray, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES {LC4821/1} (Establishes a task force managed by the children's cabinet to develop recommendations to improve access to early intervention and early childhood special education services.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2513](#)

BY Zurier, Lauria, Lawson, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC4754/1} (Requires all public schools to screen students for behavioral health concerns by June 30, 2025, and thereafter, all students in the third grade, eighth grade, and students who enroll from a district outside of the state.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2526](#)

BY DiMario, Lauria, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES {LC5149/1} (Outlines the requirements and process for LEAs to get written parental consent before conducting an evaluation or making an initial placement of a student in a special education program of services.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2741](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC4937/1} (Requires school districts to provide the parent/guardian of a student with an individualized education program (IEP) with information concerning the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) account program benefits and the program application process.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 20, 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

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on: Cox Communications, channels 15 and 61 for high definition; i3Broadband (Formerly Full Channel) on 15; and Verizon, on channel 34.

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