
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 3, 2024

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2042](#)

BY Lauria, Valverde, Miller, Cano, DiMario, Gallo, Lawson, Euer, Bissaillon, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPARENCY IN ARTS

EDUCATION ACCESS AND PROFICIENCY ACT {LC3775/1} (Establishes the Transparency in Arts Education Access and Proficiency Act to promote arts education.)

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [2147](#)

BY Picard, Quezada, Zurier

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE

ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION {LC4297/1} (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education that is adequate, equitable and meaningful and provides judicial enforcement of this provision.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2148](#)

BY Gallo, Lawson, Pearson, Valverde, DiMario, Cano, Murray, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE KINDERGARTEN THROUGH

GRADE TWO (2) MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE ACT {LC3962/1} (Mandates 20 students per classroom for kindergarten through second grade. Exceptions for emergencies and temporary situations, not to exceed 3 days and mid-year enrollments.)

01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2282](#)

BY Bissaillon, Ciccone, Cano, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM {LC4047/1}

(Establishes "workplace readiness week". It requires all public high schools, including charter schools, to annually observe that week by providing information to students on their rights as workers and specifies the topics that must be covered.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2288](#)

BY Cano, Mack, Kallman, Valverde, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

{LC4755/1} (Requires all educator preparation programs to include lessons on cultural competency and how teachers shall meet the instructional needs of multilingual learners.)

02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2518](#)

BY E Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM {LC3760/1} (Repeals

the establishment of statewide academic standards for core subjects and the implementation into the curriculum of all public schools.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2519](#)

BY Cano, Gallo, DiMario, Lauria, Miller, Murray, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND

PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT {LC4739/1} (Allows municipalities participating in the state prekindergarten program to accept students from outside the municipality under certain conditions and establishes a lottery for enrollment in the program.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2842](#)

BY Cano, Mack, Pearson, DiMario, DiPalma, Lawson, McKenney, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BILL OF RIGHTS FOR

MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS ACT {LC5612/1} (Requires the council on elementary and secondary education to draft a written bill of rights for parents or guardians of students who are multilingual learners that safeguard and protect the rights of multilingual learners in public schools.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2843](#)

BY Gallo, DiMario, Cano, Murray, LaMountain, Zurier, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND

PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT {LC4678/1} (Establishes guidelines for the continued implementation and expansion of high quality public prekindergarten education programs in the state.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2845](#)

BY Cano, Pearson, Zurier, McKenney, DiPalma, Mack, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BILINGUAL, DUAL LANGUAGE AND WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS INVESTMENT ACT {LC4134/1} (Authorizes the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a program to expand the issuance of teaching certificates to bilingual dual language and world language teachers in urban and urban ring schools.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2847](#)

BY Cano, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDCARE ESSENTIAL ACT {LC4136/1} (Creates the Rhode Island Child Care Assistance Program that governs both family eligibility for the state's child care subsidy program and the rates paid to child care providers serving families receiving a subsidy.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2917](#)

BY Cano, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO BILINGUAL EDUCATION ACT {LC5822/1} (Creates a new chapter for the support/access to bilingual education. It creates a dual language program fund to be administered by the department of education. Local education agencies would be eligible to apply to the department for funding. Eff. 7/1/24)

03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

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