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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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**PROPOSED SUB A'S HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR H-7948, H-7949 and H-7950  
H-7948, H-7949, H-7950, H-7631 HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR CONSIDERATION & H-7667 added for H/C  
H-7743 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR**

### NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, April 4, 2024  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7631](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY Serpa, Noret**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES {LC5086/1} (Extends the "lookback" period for repeat offenses involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs under § 31-27-2 and for repeat offenses related to failure or refusal to submit to chemical tests under § 31-27-2.1 from five to ten years.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/21/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/29/2024 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7948](#)**

**BY Solomon, Fellela, Voas, Casimiro, Baginski, Shanley, Casey**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ZONING ORDINANCES {LC5508/1} (Provides amendments to the requirements of the inclusionary zoning law for affordable housing development.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/02/2024 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7949](#)**

**BY Craven, Fellela, Corvese, Edwards**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES --SUBDIVISION OF LAND {LC5511/1} (Makes amendments to various provisions relative to subdivision of land review, review stages, special provisions related to development and the procedures for approvals from various permitting authorities.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/02/2024 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7950](#)**

**BY Felix, Potter, Giraldo, Cruz, Batista, Speakman, Henries, Morales**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- SUBDIVISION OF LAND**

**{LC5512/1} (Provides amendments relative to the permitting authority of, and acceptable forms of financial security permissible for construction and/or improvement guarantees relating to the completion of required public improvements.)**

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/02/2024 Scheduled for consideration

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE**

**House Bill No. [7948 SUB A](#)**

{LC5508/A/1}

**House Bill No. [7949 SUB A](#)**

{LC5511/A/1}

**House Bill No. [7950 SUB A](#)**

{LC5512/A/1}

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [7096](#)**

**BY Kislak, Knight, Ajello, McEntee, Batista, Hull, Caldwell, Giraldo, Voas, Felix**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --**

**PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3843/1} (Prohibits any questioning of a juvenile who is suspected of delinquent or criminal behavior, unless the parent or guardian of the juvenile is present, or unless an attorney is present or the juvenile and their parents have waived their presence.)**

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7218](#)**

**BY Batista, Potter, Shanley, Casimiro, Felix, Giraldo, J. Lombardi, Alzate, Dawson, Kislak**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --**

**PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3911/1} (Removes the requirement that individual of sixteen (16) years of age or older and found delinquent of two (2) offenses would be automatically certified and afforded a jury trial.)**

01/18/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7236](#)**

**BY O'Brien, Voas, Baginski, DeSimone, Finkelman, Dawson, Lima, Costantino, Serpa, Phillips**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC4366/1}** (Includes animal cruelty offenses to the domestic violence crimes committed by a family or household members against another.)

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7371](#)**

**BY Caldwell, Craven, Batista, Dawson, Speakman, Edwards**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- FAMILY COURT {LC4013/1}** (Gives statewide juvenile hearing boards the authority to refer a juvenile offender to a rehabilitative driving course, as part of a disposition of an offense before the board. The order may be enforced by the traffic tribunal.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7628](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY Shanley, Batista**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- COUNTY GRAND JURIES {LC5088/1}** (Permits grand juries to issue reports and would provide for a process for review and acceptance by the superior court for dissemination to the public.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7629](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY McEntee, Caldwell, Casimiro, Cortvriend, Fogarty, Morales, O'Brien**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATION AND COMPLAINTS {LC5083/1}** (Includes the offense of second-degree sexual assault among the offenses to which there shall be no statute of limitations and provides for a ten (10) year statute of limitations for third-degree sexual assault.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7642](#)**

**BY Stewart, Cruz, Tanzi, Boylan, Ajello, Caldwell, McEntee, Kislak**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC4792/1}** (Prohibit the family court from detaining any juvenile or committing any juvenile, under the age of 14 years, to the training school, for any offense other than murder, first degree sexual assault, or an attempt to commit such offenses.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7697](#)**

**BY Spears, Cotter, Kislak, Craven, Shanley, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Kazarian, Azzinaro, McEntee**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- THE RHODE ISLAND INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT {LC4558/1} (Codifies the federal legislation pertaining to the federal Indian child welfare act into state law.)

02/23/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7739](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY Dawson, Shanley, O'Brien**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- DISTRICT COURT PRACTICE {LC5475/1} (Amends the filing fees and time frame for certain claims of appeal to superior court.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7742](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY Donovan, Caldwell, Shanley, Speakman**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- SMALL CLAIMS AND CONSUMER CLAIMS {LC5476/1} (Amends procedures and fees relative to claims of appeal in small claims actions.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7743](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY ~~Noret, Kazarian, Vella-Wilkinson, Edwards, Corvese, Hull, Caldwell, Bennett, Cardillo, Phillips~~**

**~~ENTITLED,~~** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- TRIAL {LC4701/1}

~~(Allows a criminal defendant before the superior court to waive their right to a jury trial with the consent of the attorney general.)~~

~~02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

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

**House Bill No. [7802](#)**

**BY Newberry**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR MINORS WITHOUT RESIDENCE ACT {LC5350/1} (Allows a minor between the ages of 14 - 17 without a permanent residence/in custody of the DCYF to get state identification card without a signature from parent, guardian or foster parent as well as a certified copy of minor's birth certificate at no cost)

02/29/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7830](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY Morales, Potter, Giraldo, Stewart, Cruz**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL {LC5558/1} (Allows the attorney general to investigate and bring an enforcement action against persistent fraud or illegality in the carrying on, conducting, or transaction of business or governmental activity.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7831](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY Craven, Dawson**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JURY LISTS {LC5121/1} (Amends the jury list and jury qualification statutes to add individuals receiving public assistance benefits.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7834](#)**

**BY J. Brien, Solomon, Chippendale, Noret, Baginski**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- PERSONAL WATERCRAFT SAFETY {LC3362/1} (Amends the penalty for violating the provisions of the personal watercraft safety act from a misdemeanor to a violation and reduce the fine from five hundred dollars (\$500) to a fine of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7835](#)**

**BY Finkelman, Shanley, Baginski, O'Brien, Morales, Vella-Wilkinson, Perez**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- RAILROAD, STEAMBOAT, AND BRIDGE POLICE {LC5248/1} (Provides any police report involving a railroad fatality and all communications between railroad employees not be made public. Additionally, it makes a violation of this section a misdemeanor.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7836](#)**

**BY Chippendale, Nardone, Quattrocchi, Newberry, Casimiro, Rea, Roberts, J. Brien, Casey, Lima**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS {LC5146/1} (Penalizes as a misdemeanor for the first two offenses and a felony for any third or subsequent offense for obstructing the free, convenient, and normal use of any municipal, state or interstate road or highway.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7953](#)**

**BY Craven, Batista**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURT -- POWERS OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE {LC5043/1} (Increases the fee payable to justices of the peace to one hundred dollars \$100.00.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7954](#)**

**BY Ajello, Potter, Cruz, Felix, Tanzi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC5281/1} (Prohibits a peace officer, as defined in § 12-7-21, from employing threats, physical harm, deprivation, deception, coercion, or psychologically manipulative interrogation tactics during the custodial interrogation of a juvenile.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7955](#)**

**BY Finkelman**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES {LC4648/1} (Amends calculations of interest in civil actions a rate determined by average accepted auction price for last auction of 52 week U.S. treasury bills.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7974](#)**

**BY J. Brien, Solomon, Baginski**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT {LC5389/1} (Provides insured individuals with a private cause of action under the unfair claims settlement practices act.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [7976](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY Craven, Dawson**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- CONDITIONAL ESCHEAT OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS IN COURT REGISTRIES {LC5113/1} (Updates the process by which the Supreme Court reports, holds, and escheats unclaimed property in the court registries.)

03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

**House Bill No. [8095](#)**

**BY O'Brien, Craven, Finkelman, Solomon, McEntee, Serpa, Lima, Costantino, Voas, Slater ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC5745/1} (Increases the penalty for violations of the care of dogs statute to a minimum fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a maximum fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation.)  
03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary  
03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8105](#)**

**BY Place, Batista, Newberry, Craven, Sanchez, Felix, J. Lombardi ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT-- POWERS OF ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL -- CIVIL FORFEITURE PROCEDURE {LC5781/1} (Prohibits civil asset forfeiture regarding violations of the controlled substances laws until a criminal conviction is obtained.)  
03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary  
03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7667](#)**

**BY Place, Nardone ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES {LC4116/1} (Provides that a court shall decide cases without deference to administrative agency interpretation of rules.)  
02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections  
02/27/2024 Committee transferred to House Judiciary  
04/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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