
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 30, 2024

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [8029](#)

BY Place, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$6,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL COSTS {LC5647/1} (Enabling act required by § 16-7-44 in order for the principal of, and interest on bonds issued by the Town of Burrillville in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/09/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8049](#)

BY Biah, DeSimone, Hull, Diaz, Slater, Morales, J. Lombardi, Kislak, Baginski, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$125,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO {LC5052/1} (This act serves as the enabling act required by § 16-7-44 of the general laws in order for the principal and interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/09/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8050](#)

BY Biah, DeSimone, Hull, Diaz, Slater, J. Lombardi, Kislak, Baginski, McNamara, Batista ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RELATED DEMOLITION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALL COSTS RELATED THERETO, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THEN 75% AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN GRANTS RECEIVED FROM STATE BOND PROCEEDS, FROM THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR FROM THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY {LC5054/1} (Authorizes Providence to issue not more than \$400,000,000 general obligation bonds & notes to finance the construction, related demolition, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, landscaping, furnishing and equipping of schools throughout the city.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/09/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING

House Bill No. [7036](#)

BY Speakman, Donovan, Biah, Carson, Henries, Cotter, Cortvriend, Kislak, Boylan ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC3464/1} (Establishes a new categorical funding category for civics education.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7206](#)

BY Cotter, Spears, Casimiro, Speakman, Cortvriend, Donovan, Kennedy, Chippendale ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4246/1} (Ensures that transportation categorical funds between the state and regional school districts would be fully funded.)

01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7207](#)

BY Cotter, Spears, Casimiro, Speakman, Donovan, Kennedy, Chippendale ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4237/1} (Increases the state's regionalization bonus to six percent (6%) of the state's fiscal year share of foundation education aid and would be ongoing and continuing so long as the district remains a regional school district.)

01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7250](#)

BY O'Brien, Cortvriend, Shanley, Voas, Slater, Bennett, Caldwell, Giraldo, Diaz, Noret ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC3932/1} (Amends the term "extraordinary costs" for the purposes of excess costs associated with special education students. The new definition of extraordinary costs would be educational costs that are over 3 times the average statewide special education cost.)

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7251](#)

BY Donovan, Fogarty, Speakman, Spears, Caldwell, Handy, Diaz, McNamara, Potter, Cotter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR COMPENSATION STABILIZATION ACT {LC4056/1} (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.)

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7252](#)

BY Donovan, Cotter, Speakman, Spears, Potter, Fogarty, Messier, Knight, McEntee ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4244/1} (Amend the calculation of state funding provided to local education agencies for special education services.)

01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7336](#)

BY Donovan, Casimiro, McNamara, Diaz, Cotter, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Messier, McGaw, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING {LC4529/1} (Establishes the office of early childhood development and learning to manage a statewide early learning system for children from birth through age five (5), and ensure all children enter school ready to learn.)

01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7397](#)

BY Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC3910/1} (Provides that the permanent foundation educational aid program would provide state funding for school-based mental health services pursuant to specified conditions.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7497](#)

BY McNamara, Donovan, Cruz, Alzate, Solomon, Casey, Bennett, Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND

PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT {LC4490/1} (Establishes guidelines for the continued implementation and expansion of high quality public prekindergarten education programs in the state.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7543](#)

BY Boylan, Dawson, Kazarian, Henries

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL

SUPPORT {LC4684/1} (Provides the state's share of the basic program and approved expenditures would be paid to the city of East Providence in twelve (12) monthly installments.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7545](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Kazarian, Vella-Wilkinson, Casimiro, Alzate, Cruz, McNamara, Tanzi, Hull, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4870/1} (Provides for an appropriation by the general assembly in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the various school districts and municipalities to employ additional social workers.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7593](#)

BY Cortvriend, Handy, Boylan, Carson, Spears, Bennett, Finkelman, McGaw, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL FUNDS AND PROPERTY

{LC4502/1} (Directs the department of education to develop and adopt regulations for energy capable school buildings.)

02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7687](#)

BY Cotter, Donovan, McNamara, Morales, Tanzi, Chippendale, Casimiro, Felix, Speakman, Fogarty

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL

PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS {LC4355/1} (Allows an individual school district that can utilize its own buses or vendors at a lower cost than the statewide system, to obtain reimbursement for these costs from state funds.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Resolution No. [7772](#)

BY Rea, Place, Quattrocchi, Chippendale, Roberts, Nardone, Hull, Fellela, Phillips, Newberry

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$30,000,000 TO RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS {LC5326/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to each public school in Rhode Island for school safety and security improvements.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7906](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate

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

{LC5302/1} (Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) or five (5) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2024.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7908](#)

BY Casey, J. Brien, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5151/1} (Requires a review by the department of elementary and secondary education of the formula components used to compute the aid needed to support high need students.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7909](#)

BY Casey, J. Brien, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5152/1} (Provides that in local educational agencies when over 45% of the children have a family income that is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines then the student success factor will be 50% by the core instruction per-pupil amount.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7910](#)

BY Casey, Phillips, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5185/1} (Removes funding requirement from department of elementary and secondary education.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7911](#)

BY Newberry, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5324/1} (Prohibits total education aid paid to any local education agency from being reduced by more than one percent (1%) of the municipal education appropriation in the previous fiscal year.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7912](#)

BY Giraldo, Morales, Stewart, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT {LC5353/1} (Requires that the school housing aid ratio shall be increased by ten percent (10%) for projects that ensure Rhode Island based minority business enterprises reach a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the dollar value of the bid.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

House Bill No. [7914](#)

BY Chippendale, Rea, Roberts, Nardone, Quattrocchi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FAILING SCHOOL CHOICE ACT {LC4965/1} (Establishes the Failing School Choice Act and permits students at failing schools to enroll in any public school and also establishes the Rhode Island education revitalization fund to provide funding to the school choice program.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

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