
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**PROPOSED SUB A FOR S-2858 HAS BEEN ADDED
H-7925 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR
S-2859 & S-2858 HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR CONSIDERATION**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 9, 2024
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2859](#)

BY Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Quezada, Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Miller, Kallman, Bell
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 {LC5053/1} (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.)

03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

04/04/2024 Committee recommends passage

04/05/2024 Placed on Senate Calendar

04/11/2024 Senate read and passed

04/18/2024 Referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for consideration

05/06/2024 Meeting postponed

05/06/2024 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2858](#)

BY Bissaillon, Ruggerio, Quezada, Zurier, Mack, Ciccone, Miller, Kallman, Bell
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 THAN 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 {LC5055/1} (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

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03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
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04/05/2024 Placed on Senate Calendar
04/11/2024 Senate read and passed
04/18/2024 Referred to House Finance
05/03/2024 Scheduled for consideration
05/06/2024 Meeting postponed
05/06/2024 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [2858 SUB A](#)
{LC5055/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7031](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Tanzi, Speakman, Bennett, Morales, DeSimone, Ajello, Fellela, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF CHILDCARE AND YOUTH-SERVING WORKERS AND OPERATORS {LC3612/1} (Repeals the provision that requires new applicants for employment under this section to pay the expense for their background checks.)

01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7122](#)

BY Diaz, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Cruz, Slater, Edwards, Potter, Messier, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC3970/1} (Removes the requirement that families consent to, and cooperate with the department of human services in establishing paternity and enforcing child and medical support orders as a condition of eligibility for childcare assistance.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7123](#)

BY Diaz, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Cruz, Slater, Edwards, Potter, Messier, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC3971/1} (Eliminates the sunset on the provision of finding for child care for eligible child care educators and child care staff.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7124](#)

BY Diaz, Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Caldwell, Cruz, Slater, Edwards, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDCARE ESSENTIAL ACT {LC3934/1} (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.)

01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7187](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Tanzi, Boylan, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Serpa, Place, Roberts, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES {LC4091/1} (Exempts any individual who is aging out of foster care from the payment of any fee associated with the issuance of a operator's license as well as driver's education class fees. The fee waiver is in effect until the individual reaches 27 years of age.)

01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7404](#)

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Casimiro, Serpa, Phillips, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, Diaz, Fellela, Craven, Baginski, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC4430/1} (Relocates certain provisions of the general laws relating to child care assistance from the Rhode Island Works Program to the chapter on child care state subsidies.)

01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7490](#)

BY Donovan, Carson, Spears, McNamara, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT ACT {LC4715/1} (Establishes a tax credit against income tax based on eligible expenses incurred for care and support of an eligible family member.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7500](#)

BY Tanzi, McGaw, Felix, Hull, Ajello, Donovan, Kislak, Diaz, Speakman, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT {LC3929/1} (Repeals the exemption granted to pari mutual facilities and casinos from the smoke free workplace requirement and provides for a one time appropriate of \$1,000,000 to inform patrons of the smoke free policy within the casino.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

04/27/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7547](#)

BY Cruz, Potter, Morales, DeSimone, Handy, Cotter, Batista, Alzate, Kislak, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILD CARE FOR ALL ACT {LC4880/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Child Care for All Act which would provide high quality and affordable child care to families throughout the state.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7669](#)

BY Cardillo, Costantino, Noret, Perez, Azzinaro, Solomon, Corvese, Phillips, Rea ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT {LC4935/1} (Increases the department's standard, burial allowance payment from nine hundred dollars (\$900) to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7671](#)

BY Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, J. Lombardi, Casimiro, Potter, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Handy, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN RHODE ISLAND ACT {LC4689/1} (Directs the allocation of \$3,000,000 from the 2025 state budget to provide cash benefits to participants in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7686](#)

BY Handy, Vella-Wilkinson, Cruz, Potter, Kazarian, Sanchez, Morales, Slater, Diaz, Batista ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC4974/1} (Amends works program to provide eligibility for benefits to pregnant persons from onset of pregnancy including lawful permanent residents, increases monthly cash benefits, disallows termination of benefits for failure to work, limits monetary sanctions.)

02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7852](#)

(by request)

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT {LC5406/1} (Provides for an annual increase of supplemental income for individuals and couples living alone, in accordance with the consumer price index for urban consumers over the average for the previous calendar year, commencing July 1, 2025.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7896](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Solomon, Roberts, Serpa, Cruz, Diaz, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES {LC5090/1} (Increases the number of state child care licensing inspectors to meet the national recommended average of one inspector for every fifty (50) to sixty (60) child care providers.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7904](#)

BY Casimiro, Cruz, Noret, Serpa, Diaz, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SUPPORT OF CHILDREN {LC4873/1} (Repeals the law requiring a parent to pay support and maintenance to agencies having custody of their child)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7924](#)

BY Tanzi, Potter, Alzate, Felix, Henries, Bennett, Morales, Fogarty, McGaw, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- CHILD TAX CREDIT {LC4764/1} (Establishes a child tax credit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per dependent.)

03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

04/27/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7925](#)

~~BY Fenton-Fung, Phillips, Donovan, Perez, Place~~

~~ENTITLED,~~ AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDIT FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS {LC5443/1} (~~Creates a tax credit for family caregivers in an amount up to \$5,000 for eligible family members and \$6,000 for veterans based on 50% of the amount of eligible expenditures spent on eligible family members commencing January 1, 2025 and thereafter.~~)

~~03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance~~

~~05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [8031](#)

BY Spears, McGaw, Craven, McEntee, Slater, Azzinaro, Serpa, Dawson, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT {LC5483/1} (Increases the state's share of supplementary assistance to individuals living in a state-licensed assisted-living residence from \$332.00 to \$352.00, of which \$140.00 would be allocated to the personal needs allowance.)

03/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8047](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Diaz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME {LC4789/1} (Provides \$4 million to support after school and school vacation, summer learning workforce development programs for K-12 students with annual reports on status and programs.)

03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8134](#)

BY Carson

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE AND ACTIONABLE PLAN THAT ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF RHODE ISLAND'S AGING POPULATION {LC5775/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 consisting of \$200,000 for a strategic planning consultant, and \$25,000 each for the Rhode Island Office on Healthy Aging, and the State Division on Planning.)

04/03/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8196](#)

BY Messier, Fellela, Alzate, Stewart, Cruz

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 TO THE ELISHA PROJECT {LC5983/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 to the Elisha Project.)

04/24/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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ACCOMMODATIONS

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Committee Clerk

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