
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

S-240 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 5, 2025

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [231](#)

BY Valverde, DiPalma, Acosta, Patalano, Zurier, DiMario, Lauria, Thompson, Murray, Quezada ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES {LC1253/1} (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.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

~~Senate Bill No. [240](#)~~

~~**BY Vargas, Mack, DiMario, Murray, DiPalma, Lawson, Gallo, Urso, Bissaillon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDCARE IS ESSENTIAL ACT {LC920/1}**~~ (Creates the Rhode Island Childcare Assistance Program that governs both family eligibility for the state's childcare subsidy program and expands eligibility for the program to meet the federal eligibility benchmark.)

~~02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education~~

~~02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [247](#)

BY Valverde, DiPalma, Lawson, Acosta, Appollonio, Pearson, Lauria, Gallo, DiMario, Zurier ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS-EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED INFANTS {LC1170/1} (Provides that the early intervention program for developmentally disabled infants be under the jurisdiction of the executive office of health and human services (EOHHS).)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [394](#)

BY Gallo, Lawson, LaMountain, Pearson, Zurier, Valverde, Kallman, Lauria, Vargas, Urso ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT {LC719/1} (Establishes guidelines for the expansion of high-quality public prekindergarten education programs for children ages three (3) and four (4) to increase children's school readiness.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

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