
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

S-279 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [62](#)

BY DiMario, Zurier, Acosta, Valverde, Murray, DiPalma, Lauria, Kallman, Burke, Thompson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC601/1} (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 child care assistance.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [135](#)

BY Kallman, DiMario, Mack, Lauria, Ujifusa, Valverde, Bell, Patalano, Appollonio ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR MINORS WITHOUT RESIDENCE ACT {LC176/1} (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)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [147](#)

BY Raptakis, Thompson, Valverde, Murray, Sosnowski, Gu ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS {LC496/1} (Expands the deinstitutionalization subsidy aid program in the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals to include adoptive parent(s) or siblings(s).)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [148](#)

BY Kallman, Acosta, Lauria, Felag, DiMario, McKenney, Zurier, Lawson, Euer
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --
PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC168/1} (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.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [154](#)

BY Acosta, DiMario, Mack, Valverde, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF
CHILDCARE AND YOUTH-SERVING WORKERS AND OPERATORS {LC218/1}
(Commences July 1, 2025, this act would eliminate the provision of this section that requires new
applicants for employment under this section to pay the expense for their criminal background
checks.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [203](#)

BY McKenney, Sosnowski, LaMountain, Bissaillon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HAZING {LC938/1} (Adds
definitions to prohibition of hazing, make coaches and others responsible for knowingly failing to
take reasonable measures to prevent hazing and would punish serious bodily injury by up to ten (10)
years in imprisonment.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [205](#)

BY Acosta, Valverde, Euer, DiMario, Murray, Quezada
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --
PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC219/1} (Prohibit the family court from detaining any
juvenile or committing any juvenile, under the age of 12 years, to the training school, for any
offense other than murder, first degree sexual assault, or an attempt to commit such offenses.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [279](#)

BY Valverde, Raptakis, Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --
FAMILY COURT {LC1206/1} (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.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [546](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Ciccone, DiPalma, Raptakis, E Morgan, Quezada, Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CHILD ADVOCATE OFFICE {LC2200/1} (Requires DCYF to implement recommendations made by the child advocate and child fatality review panel within 6 months and provide a report of the measures taken to address the recommendations.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [560](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Burke, LaMountain, Appollonio, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC1662/1} (Amends §§ 14-1-3 and 14-5-8, relating to possession of marijuana and proceedings in family court ensuring that children under 17 years of age in possession of less than 2 oz of marijuana are subject to the jurisdiction of the family court.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [564](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Paolino, Burke, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DCYF FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT COMPLIANCE AND IMPACT REPORT {LC2149/1} (Requires DCYF to submit a one-time, detailed report on the effectiveness of EBPs in keeping children out of foster care, providing valuable data on the programs' impact on high-risk families, reunification outcomes, and program availability.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [577](#)

BY Acosta, Quezada, Valverde, DiMario, Mack, Euer, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC1638/1} (Prohibits family court from detaining or committing any youth, 12 years or younger, to training school, for any offense other than murder, first degree sexual assault, or an attempt to commit such offenses there is no other reasonable placement.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [728](#)

BY Thompson, LaMountain, Murray, McKenney, Appollonio, Patalano, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN {LC2208/1} (Establishes the rights of adoptive/foster children or those in guardianship, to have post-separation visitation with their siblings.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [736](#)

BY Bissaillon, Acosta, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --
PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC1047/1} (Prohibits a peace officer or a school resource
officer from employing threats, physical harm, deprivation, deception, coercion, or psychologically
manipulative interrogation tactics during the custodial interrogation of a juvenile.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, in order for
it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting
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