
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [178](#)

BY Mack, Gu, Appollonio, Valverde, Lawson, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE SCHOOL LIBRARIES ACT

{LC807/1} (Requires every public school in Rhode Island to have a school library or library media center in a permanent and dedicated space available to students in grades K-12 with a librarian available.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [238](#)

BY McKenney, Bissaillon, Gallo, Gu, Lawson, Tikoian, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- THE FREEDOM TO READ ACT

{LC1099/1} (Promotes free expression and access of information by prohibiting the censorship of library materials.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [639](#)

BY Gallo, McKenney, Tikoian, Raptakis, LaMountain, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE SCHOOL LIBRARIES ACT

{LC2288/1} (Creates the School Libraries Act.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 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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