
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

TIME: 2:00 PM

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5436](#)

(Governor/Secretary of State/General Treasurer/Attorney General/Lieutenant Governor)

BY Knight, Caldwell, Boylan, Speakman, McEntee, Ajello, Kazarian, Craven, Dawson, Felix ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- RHODE ISLAND ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN ACT OF 2025 {LC1181/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2025.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5443](#)

BY Boylan, Ajello, Knight, McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Dawson, Batista, Cruz, Felix ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- SUICIDE

PREVENTION--VOLUNTARY FIREARM RESTRICTIONS ACT {LC1478/1} (Creates process for individual to voluntarily be either temporarily or indefinitely added to a list restricting their rights to purchase or possess firearms.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5651](#)

BY McEntee, Fogarty, Caldwell, Spears, Boylan, Carson, Tanzi, Dawson, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --

PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT -- JUVENILE RECORDS {LC1834/1} (Allows access to juvenile criminal records in order to conduct firearm background checks.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5652](#)

BY Boylan, Tanzi, Knight, Dawson, Craven, Batista, Felix, Caldwell, Ajello, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1508/1}

(Precludes a person who pled nolo contendere or convicted of a misdemeanor offense and sentenced in accordance with the hate crime sentencing enhancement act for such misdemeanor, from purchasing, owning, carrying, transporting or having possession firearm)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5653](#)

BY Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1908/1}

(Prohibits the licensing authority from imposing additional or stricter requirements than the department of attorney general as well as prohibiting said licensing authorities from imposing any fees, other than the fee required in § 11-47-12.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5654](#)

BY Fogarty, McEntee, Spears, Boylan, Carson, Donovan, Tanzi, Dawson, Kislak, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1835/1}

(Prohibits local licensing authorities from issuing a concealed carry permit to out of state residents based on permits issued by authorities from other states or subdivisions.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5666](#)

BY O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON

CAMPUS {LC1731/1} (Mandates arming campus police at public higher educational institutions and includes campus police in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of the "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights.")

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5667](#)

BY O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- MAINTENANCE OF ORDER ON

CAMPUS {LC1843/1} (Requires that all campus police officers be equipped with ballistic body armor.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5889](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF

CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC2195/1} (Allows a law enforcement agency to consider expunged records when issuing a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5890](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Boylan, Knight, Caldwell, Dawson, Tanzi, Fogarty, Furtado, Kislak, Noret, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC2193/1}

(Specifies that it is unlawful for any person under the age of eighteen (18) to possess a firearm.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5891](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Ajello, Donovan, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC2194/1}

(Disqualifies individuals with prior felony convictions from purchasing or possessing a firearm.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5933](#)

BY Lima, Casey, J. Brien, Place, Corvese, Serpa, Bennett, Edwards

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1887/1}

(Provides that any person eighteen (18) years of age who is issued a license or permit may carry a stun gun.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5934](#)

BY Casey, Lima, Phillips, Solomon, Noret, Costantino, Chippendale, Place, Corvese, Roberts

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC2088/1}

(Provides that any person eighteen (18) years of age who is issued a license or permit may carry a stun gun.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5935](#)

BY Fascia, Place, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Quattrocchi, Santucci, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS -- CONCEALED

CARRY REFORM {LC1311/1} (Expands firearm rights to recognize out of state carry permits, authorizes weapons carried during emergency evacuation and establishes an appeal process for permit denied.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5936](#)

BY Noret, Place, Corvese, Chippendale, Dawson, Phillips, Bennett, J. Brien, Casey, Read ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC1750/1}

(Provides the review and appeal process for individuals applying for a permit or license to carry a handgun with the licensing authority or attorney general.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6042](#)

BY Hull, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC2305/1}

(Exempts certain U.S. employees from having to obtain state licenses to carry a visible or concealed pistol or revolver.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/12/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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