
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

S-640 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

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

03/01/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

~~Senate Bill No. [640](#)~~

~~BY Burke, Appollonio, LaMountain~~

~~ENTITLED,~~ AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- HEALTH AND

~~EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION {LC2292/1}~~ (Eliminates child daycare centers from the statute regarding the health and educational building corporation and updates the statutory terminology by replacing the phrase "institutions of higher learning" with that of "educational institutions".)

~~03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education~~

~~03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [771](#)

BY Murray, Thompson, DiPalma, Acosta, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

{LC1681/1} (Requires every public school to have a policy regarding the use of personal electronic devices on school grounds.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [772](#)

BY Bissaillon, Appollonio, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES {LC2372/1} (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.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [773](#)

BY Acosta, Zurier, Mack, DiPalma, Murray, Bissaillon, McKenney, Paolino, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND
SUPERINTENDENTS {LC2381/1} (Provides that the school year for all public schools, including
traditional public and public charter schools, independent charter schools, and mayoral academies,
would start on the same date of each calendar year.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [774](#)

**BY DiMario, Lawson, Gallo, Murray, Bissaillon, Valverde, McKenney, DiPalma, Zurier,
Quezada**

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY EDUCATION {LC2013/1} (Expands council on elementary and secondary
education and board of education and makes teacher of year and student advisory chair voting
members on each.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 26, 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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