
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 2, 2025

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Resolution No. [177](#)

BY Acosta, Gallo, Lawson, Valverde, Euer, Zurier, Appollonio, Murray, Bissailon, Quezada ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION {LC708/1} (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education that is adequate, equitable and meaningful and provides judicial enforcement of this provision.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/19/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for 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

03/05/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/28/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [634](#)

BY Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC2122/1} (Enables the Providence School Board to authorize local school-based councils to enhance communication between the board and the individual schools.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [860](#)

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC1466/1} (Allows the board of regents to appoint a receiver to manage a school district with the authority described in § 16-7.1-5.2 relating to state intervention in the Providence public school district.)

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [861](#)

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC1467/1} (Allows when authorized by the board of regents, the commissioner to designate a receiver for the district with all the powers of the superintendent and school committee.)

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [922](#)

BY Bissaillon, Ciccone, Bell, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC2640/1} (Requires the board of regents to adopt support and intervention strategies consistent with Comprehensive Education Strategy and SALT in one district at a time.)

03/28/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [397](#)

BY Ujifusa, Zurier, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES {LC1825/1} (Reduces the course time required to become a school bus driver for applicants who have a valid commercial driver's license.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [636](#)

(Dept. of Education)

BY Ujifusa, Murray, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Mack, McKenney, Gallo, Zurier, LaMountain, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES {LC1325/1} (Amends the definitions of a "pupil transportation vehicle" to a vehicle contrasted to seat not more than ten (10) passengers plus the operator, rather than the existing limit of eight (8) passengers.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 2, 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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