
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 2025

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [179](#)

BY Raptakis, Appollonio, Patalano, Tikoian, Burke, Rogers, de la Cruz, LaMountain, Felag, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES TEACHERS GENERALLY -- SEPTEMBER 11 CLASSROOM MOMENT OF SILENCE {LC1032/1} (Allows teachers in all grades to provide the opportunity for students to observe a brief moment of silence on every September 11.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [236](#)

BY LaMountain, Patalano, Thompson, Raptakis, Dimitri, Felag, Tikoian, Burke, Appollonio, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC1200/1} (Mandates the use of a soft-shell helmet cover that adds a padded, soft-shell layer to the outside of a traditional football helmet, for students participating in Rhode Island interscholastic league football.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/24/2025 Meeting postponed

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [322](#)

BY Euer, McKenney, Sosnowski, Kallman, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CHILDREN'S CARDIAC SAFETY ACT {LC933/1} (Establishes "The Children's Cardiac Safety Act", and provide for childhood cardiac screening based on modules that incorporate current best practices.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [391](#)

BY Sosnowski, DiPalma, Britto, Lawson, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL TRAUMA KIT ACT

{LC1405/1} (Requires every elementary and secondary school within the State of Rhode Island to provide and maintain clearly visible and easily accessible trauma kits within the school. It also provides immunity if assistance is rendered.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [392](#)

BY Tikoian, Patalano, LaMountain, Ciccone, Burke, Felag, Urso, Dimitri, Rogers, Thompson

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

{LC1388/1} (Requires that one third of all Rhode Island teachers, each year for the next 3 years, be trained in the basic emergency and response skills curriculum ("BEARS"), specifically in hand-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation/Heimlich maneuver/bleeding control.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [635](#)

BY McKenney, Britto, Murray, Appollonio, Lauria, Urso

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

{LC2181/1} (Requires immediate notification to the person in charge of the educational program when a child has a cardiac emergency and the head of the educational program must notify the department of education within 24 hours.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [637](#)

BY DiPalma, Zurier, Murray

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

{LC1592/1} (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education and DOH to adopt policies, rules and regulations for the administration of seizure rescue medications for children who have been medically identified as having epilepsy/seizure disorder.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/04/2025 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

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

03/25/2025 Meeting postponed

04/04/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 9, 2024, 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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