
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**PLEASE NOTE: H-5524 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR
H-5737, AND H-6238 HAVE BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 22, 2025
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5020](#)

BY Edwards, Donovan, Cortvriend, McEntee, Potter, Bennett, Kazarian, Casimiro, Kennedy, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- ORGAN-DONATION LEAVE ACT {LC323/1} (Provides for paid leave for a state employee who donates an organ. The duration of the leave is dependent on the type of donation and notice should be provided to the employer at least thirty (30) days prior to the leave.)

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5021](#)

BY Diaz, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS {LC434/1} (Adds administrator of community confinement and the home confinement coordinator to the state retirement system.)

01/10/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5198](#)

BY Fellela, Azzinaro, Serpa, Messier, O'Brien, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT {LC121/1} (Allows teachers, state and municipal employees to retire upon the earlier of reaching age sixty (60) with thirty (30) years of service or the employee's retirement eligibility date under present state statutes.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5315](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC956/1} (Allows retired election officials to work for the state board of elections on a temporary basis in any year in which a statewide, congressional or referendum general election is held.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5318](#)

BY Edwards, Fellela, Serpa, Kazarian, Shanley, Spears, Donovan, Corvese, Bennett, O'Brien ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES --

RETIREMENT SYSTEM--ADMINISTRATION {LC1240/1} (Changes the teacher and state employees' retirement benefit calculations' cutoff date from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2012, for all retirement members eligible to and who retire on or after the new July 1, 2012, cutoff date.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5319](#)

BY Chippendale, Fascia, Casey, Noret, Read, Hull, Solomon, Costantino, Baginski, J. Brien ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES {LC1081/1} (Allows any peace officer working in a Rhode Island school as a full or part-time resource officer to work in excess of the seventy-five (75) working days in a calendar year, and not have an interruption in their benefits.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5322](#)

BY O'Brien, Dawson, McNamara, Slater, Diaz, Solomon, Kazarian, J. Brien, Hull, J. Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

{LC1139/1} (Extends the sunset provision allowing retired teachers to substitute teach for up to 180 days from June 20, 2025 until July 1, 2026.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5407](#)

BY Bennett, Shanley, Hull, Diaz, Perez, Slater, Casimiro, Potter, Baginski, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS', MUNICIPAL AND STATE EMPLOYEES EARLY RETIREMENT PENALTY {LC1106/1} (Reduces the current

varying percentages for early retirement penalty for teachers, municipal and state employees to a cumulative annual reduction of 3% and monthly reduction of .25%.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5472](#)

BY McEntee, Messier, Furtado, Casimiro, Caldwell, Craven, Dawson, Fogarty, Noret, Kazarian ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHER'S RETIREMENT

{LC1458/1} (Increases monthly minimum benefit for a spouse, domestic partner, former spouse. Grant a 2.89% COLA for eligible retirees. Provided a modification reducing federal AGI for public pension benefits from the RI employees retirement system.)

02/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5524](#)

(Dept. of Corrections)

BY ~~Dawson, O'Brien~~

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS {LC1343/1} (Includes the deputy chief of inspection and inspector within the provision of law related to retirement on service allowance relating to correctional officers.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5525](#)

BY Serpa, Ackerman, Read, Noret, Fellela, Donovan, Caldwell, Azzinaro, Potter, Corvese
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- TEACHERS' AND STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT {LC1302/1} (Exempts teachers and state employees who have been retired for more than three (3) full calendar years, from having their retirement benefit adjustment reduced based upon the funded ratio of the employees' retirement system of Rhode Island.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5530](#)

BY Corvese, Solomon, Azzinaro, Serpa, DeSimone, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION {LC1595/1} (Beginning on July 1, 2025, allows state union employees to negotiate longevity payments in their collective bargaining agreements.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5762](#)

BY Slater, Diaz, Morales, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHER'S RETIREMENT {LC1911/1} (Recalculates the retirement allowance related to early retirement and pension benefits for teachers, state employees and municipal employees.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5763](#)

BY McEntee, Fogarty, O'Brien, Corvese, Tanzi, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS {LC1677/1} (Allows any retired member of the state retirement system to serve as a member of the state labor relations board.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5764](#)

BY Serpa, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS {LC2098/1} (Requires a reamortization of the state pension fund for 2026.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5765](#)

BY O'Brien, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS {LC1610/1} (Adds probation and parole officers to the list of state law enforcement professionals, for purpose of retirement on service allowance.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5766](#)

BY O'Brien, Dawson, Finkelman, Caldwell, McEntee, Shanley, Read, Azzinaro, Slater, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFITS -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS {LC2086/1} (Reinstates the cost of living adjustments for retirees, when the annual investment return of the retirement system, exceeds ten percent (10%).)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5972](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS {LC1486/1} (Allows retired state employees who worked for the unified judicial system as certified or qualified court interpreters to be employed or reemployed for a limited period in a given year.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5999](#)

BY Noret, Casimiro, Casey, Corvese, Finkelman, Serpa, Fellela, Shanley, Solomon, Chippendale

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STATE POLICE {LC2003/1} (Amends the pension benefits for both current and former Rhode Island state police members, and would extend the time period a member may serve in the Rhode Island state police.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5737](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Shanley, Dawson, Batista

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT {LC1483/1} (Amend a provision in the general laws relative to additional benefits payable to retired judges and their surviving spouses.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6238](#)

BY Serpa, Fellela, McEntee, Shallcross Smith, Donovan, Messier, Phillips, Craven, Read, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS {LC2680/1} (Effective January 1, 2025, an annual cost-of-living increase, based upon the yearly Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U), to the retirement allowance for all state employees and all beneficiaries to be reinstated.)

04/11/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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