
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 29, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5201](#)

BY Cotter, Spears, Chippendale, Donovan, Speakman, Casimiro, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC545/1} (Ensures that transportation categorical funds between the state and regional school districts would be fully funded.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5202](#)

BY Cotter, Spears, Chippendale, Donovan, Speakman, Casimiro, Kennedy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC544/1} (Increases the state's regionalization bonus to six percent (6%) of the state's fiscal year share of foundation education aid. This bonus would be ongoing and continuing so long as the district remains a regional school district.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5203](#)

BY Cortvriend, Boylan, Dawson, Bennett, McGaw, Carson, Handy, Finkelman, McNamara, Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL FUNDS AND PROPERTY {LC220/1} (Directs the department of education to develop and adopt regulations for energy capable school buildings.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5204](#)

BY Cotter, Bennett, Dawson, Casimiro, Morales, McNamara, Kennedy, Speakman, Fogarty, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS {LC542/1} (Allows an individual school district that can utilize its own buses or vendors at a lower cost than the statewide system, to obtain reimbursement for these costs from state funds.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5399](#)

BY Hopkins, Paplauskas, Chippendale, Fascia, Cotter, Messier, Tanzi, J. Brien, Perez, Hull ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC728/1} (Provides that a school district could elect and choose to not spend money on any mandate that is not fully funded through the state education aid formula.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5400](#)

BY Stewart, Morales, Potter, Cruz, Dawson, McEntee, Kislak, J. Lombardi, Tanzi, Craven ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES {LC1051/1} (Requires that the state's share to public libraries be fixed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount appropriated by the city or town in their budgets for fiscal year 2026.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5742](#)

BY Caldwell, Stewart, Potter, Cotter, Carson, Donovan, Edwards, Diaz, O'Brien, Shanley ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID {LC1565/1} (Establishes a statewide "Healthy School Meals for all" universal school breakfast and lunch program in Rhode Island public schools phased in over 3 years.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5743](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Potter, Morales, Biah

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS {LC1249/1} (Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) or five (5) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2025.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5746](#)

BY Dawson, Kazarian, Furtado, Cotter, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES {LC1989/1} (Relieves East Providence from providing any educational/financial resources to children in the CRAFT program or other Bradley Hospital programs. Requires the school district of origin where the student was last registered to bear this responsibility.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5749](#)

BY Caldwell, Shanley, Knight, Speakman, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC1719/1} (Amends the determination of the state's share statute by amending the calculation for the poverty loss stabilization fund.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5750](#)

BY O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC2108/1} (Amends the term "extraordinary costs" for the purposes of excess costs associated with special education students. The new definition of extraordinary costs would be educational costs that are over 3 times the average statewide special education cost.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5751](#)

BY Giraldo, Potter, Morales

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC1651/1} (Provides that a student's enrollment in Medicaid would be included in calculating and determining the student success factor for use in the foundation education-aid formula.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5782](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Morales, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- STATE AID {LC1247/1} (Includes municipal detention facility corporations as exempt from taxation, and requires that an amount equal to 27% of all tax that would have been collected if the property was taxable be paid to the municipality annually.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5976](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Hull, Serpa, Diaz, Messier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME {LC2011/1} (Provides \$4,000,000 to support comprehensive and effective afterschool, school vacation, summer learning and workforce development programs for students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12).)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5977](#)

BY Casey, Phillips, J. Brien, Alzate, Felix, Messier, O'Brien, Kislak, DeSimone ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC858/1} (Removes language that requires the department of elementary and secondary education to prorate funds to school districts in certain situations and eliminate funding for certain programs.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5978](#)

BY Casey, Phillips, J. Brien, Giraldo, Kislak, Messier, Alzate, Stewart, Felix, O'Brien ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC855/1} (Provides that in local educational agencies when over 45% of the children have a family income that is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines then the student success factor will be 50% by the core instruction per-pupil amount.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5979](#)

BY Casey, Phillips, J. Brien, Giraldo, Messier, Alzate, Stewart, Felix, Slater, O'Brien ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC854/1} (Requires a review by the department of elementary and secondary education of the formula components used to compute the aid needed to support high need students.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6012](#)

BY Lima

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC2006/1} (Establishes a categorical program of education funding, for students who matriculate in the municipality pursuant to an affordable housing plan.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6045](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Cotter, Ackerman, Kazarian, Hull, Fellela, Read, Morales, Tanzi, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC2278/1} (Mandates public schools (K-12) have one full-time certified social worker for every 250 students and allocates \$2 million in the fiscal year 2025 budget for school districts and municipalities to hire additional social workers.)

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