
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PROPOSED SUB A HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-238, S-323, S-397 & S-640

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 30, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [21](#)

BY Acosta, Gallo, Mack, Valverde, Zurier, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

{LC214/1} (Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) or five (5) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2025.)

01/23/2025 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

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/25/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [238](#)

BY McKenney, Bissaillon, Gallo, Lauria, Gu, Lawson, Britto, Mack, Euer, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- THE FREEDOM TO READ ACT

{LC1099/1} (Promotes free expression and access of information by prohibiting the censorship of library materials.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

03/07/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/12/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/25/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [321](#)

BY Felag, LaMountain, Britto, Urso, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- ATHLETIC

TRAINERS {LC1564/1} (Requires certified athletic trainers to be trained in the administration of epinephrine auto-injectors (epi-pens) and would require such professionals to be equipped with the medication while performing professional activities.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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02/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/26/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration
04/21/2025 Meeting postponed
04/25/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [323](#)

BY McKenney, Bissaillon, Urso, Gu, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM {LC699/1} (Directs all local education agencies to select one of the identified high-quality curricula and materials for science and technology no later than June 30, 2026.)

02/21/2025 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
04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration
04/21/2025 Meeting postponed
04/25/2025 Scheduled for 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
04/02/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration
04/21/2025 Meeting postponed
04/25/2025 Scheduled for 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
04/02/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/25/2025 Scheduled for 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

03/25/2025 Meeting postponed

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

04/09/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/25/2025 Scheduled for 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

03/26/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/25/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [774](#)

BY DiMario, Lawson, Gallo, Murray, Bissailon, 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

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

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03/26/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/18/2025 Scheduled for consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/25/2025 Scheduled for consideration

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Senate Bill No. [176](#)

BY DiMario, DiPalma, Mack, Gallo, Lawson, Murray, Acosta, Valverde, McKenney, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HIGHER EDUCATION

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ACT {LC1165/1} (Establishes the Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Disabilities Act.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

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

Senate Bill No. [234](#)

BY Quezada, Appollonio, Bell, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

{LC648/1} (Requires transition planning for high school students with disabilities, who have a "504" plan, like the transition planning required for high school students with disabilities, who have an individualized education program (IEP).)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

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

Senate Bill No. [390](#)

BY McKenney, Dimitri, Vargas, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

{LC1881/1} (Would provide for better communication between sending and receiving districts regarding students receiving special education services.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

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

Senate Bill No. [887](#)

BY DiMario, Lawson, Gallo, Mack, Zurier, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Murray, McKenney, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CIVIL

RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES {LC2628/1} (Protects against discrimination based on disability in federally funded programs and activities, even if there is a change in the federal law.)

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

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

Senate Bill No. [235](#)

BY Appollonio, Gallo, Vargas, Bissaillon, Patalano, DiMario, Murray, Euer, Burke, LaMountain ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAMS {LC798/1} (Requires the school board or committees of cities and towns to establish a safety and behavioral health committee and also lays out the representation requirements committee responsibilities to ensure a stable learning environment for all students.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

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

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [238 SUB A](#)

{LC1099/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [323 SUB A](#)

{LC699/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [397 SUB A](#)

{LC1825/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [640 SUB A](#)

{LC2292/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 30, 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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