
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**PROPOSED SUB A'S HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-238 & S-771
S-972 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME
S-889 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Dennis L. Algieri VICE Thomas Izzo to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2029.

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

04/29/2025 Proposed Substitute

04/30/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Proposed Substitute

04/30/2025 Meeting postponed

05/02/2025 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

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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
04/30/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/02/2025 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [238 SUB A](#)
{LC1099/A/2}

Senate Bill No. [771 SUB A](#)
{LC1681/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [20](#)
BY Acosta, Gallo, Mack, Valverde, Zurier, Murray
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION {LC212/1} (Directs the commissioner of postsecondary education to prepare a strategic plan for public higher education which is aligned with the goals of the board of education's strategic plan.)
01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [22](#)
BY Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, Kallman, Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION -- STUDENT SUCCESS ACT {LC462/1} (Reduces the time, from three (3) years to six (6) months, required for a nonimmigrant foreign national student, who has resided in Rhode Island, to be eligible to pay the same in-state tuition as any other Rhode Island student.)
01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [889](#)
~~BY Burke, Tikoian, Raptakis, Gallo, Lawson~~
~~ENTITLED,~~ AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ~~DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT {LC2615/1}~~ (~~Amends the definition of “dual enrollment” to encompass all Rhode Island public higher education institutions and amends all statutory references regarding the same.~~)
~~03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education~~
~~05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [937](#)

BY Dimitri, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS {LC2643/1} (Requires that the basic education program data collection information for students that attend career and technical education schools be charged to the receiving school district and not the sending school district.)

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [971](#)

BY Gallo, Urso, McKenney, Murray, Valverde, Mack, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT {LC2684/1} (Establishes a prekindergarten seat finder to support families in accessing high quality early childhood education programs for three (3) and four (4) year old children.)

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [972](#)

~~BY Ujifusa, Zurier, de la Cruz, DiPalma, Gallo, Valverde, Murray, Pearson, DiMario, Bell~~

~~ENTITLED,~~ AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS {LC2765/1} (~~Amends the composition of school bus districts within the state to provide transportation to students in grades kindergarten through 12.~~)

~~04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Education~~

~~05/02/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 7, 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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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE: TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025, 3:00 PM