
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

S-447 HAS BEEN ADDED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [192](#)

BY Murray, Thompson, Acosta, Bell, Urso, Euer, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC996/1} (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.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [259](#)

BY Acosta, Gallo, Lawson, Valverde, DiMario, Zurier, Appollonio, Felag, Murray, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC722/1} (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.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [337](#)

BY Zurier, Murray, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION {LC553/1} (Allows Ukrainian parolees residing in Rhode Island under the federal Uniting for Ukraine program, who have been granted temporary parole, to qualify for in-state tuition at Rhode Island state colleges and universities.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [413](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT {LC1556/1} (Increases the LLC organization fee to \$500. Exempts the LLC from filing an annual tax return, paying the minimum tax and obtaining a letter of good standing from the division of taxation in order to dissolve.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [431](#)

BY Mack, DiPalma, DiMario, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC1529/1} (Exempts certain urban and small farmers from sales taxes, real, tangible and personal property taxes and income taxes. Also defines urban and small farmers and urban farmland.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [458](#)

BY Ciccone, Tikoian, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CANCER BENEFITS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS {LC1786/1} (Makes the provisions of §§ 45-19.1-3 and 45-19.1-4, benefits for firefighters with cancer, effective regardless of any general, special or specific law, or any charter and/or municipal ordinance to the contrary.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [653](#)

BY Gallo, Lawson, Tikoian, LaMountain, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE ONWARD WE LEARN SCHOLARSHIP ACT {LC2221/1} (Requires any remaining funds in the enacted budget from the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship program or the Rhode Island Hope Scholarship program to be reimbursed to the onward we learn for any scholarships paid on behalf of Rhode Island College students.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [656](#)

BY Thompson, Patalano, Rogers, de la Cruz, Dimitri, Britto, Ciccone, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND TAX AMNESTY ACT OF 2017 {LC2253/1} (Authorizes the tax administrator to waive interest and penalties on delinquent taxes paid in full during a one week amnesty period. Also reinstates a suspended driver's license upon payment in full.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [657](#)

BY Thompson, Patalano, DiPalma, Tikoian, Murray, Rogers, de la Cruz, Dimitri, Britto, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- RHODE ISLAND TAX AMNESTY ACT OF 2017 {LC2252/1} (Authorizes the tax administrator to waive interest and penalties on delinquent taxes paid in full during a one week amnesty period.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [662](#)

BY McKenney, LaMountain, Zurier, Murray, Tikoian, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS {LC2307/1} (Provides for better communication between sending and receiving districts regarding students receiving CTE or pathways education.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [776](#)

BY Felag, Tikoian, Patalano, Burke, Ciccone, Raptakis, DiPalma, Murray, LaMountain, Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC2444/1} (Increases the federal adjusted gross income threshold for modification for taxable social security income. Amends references to federal adjusted gross income as pertains to modification of taxable retirement income from certain pension plans or annuities.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [782](#)

BY Ciccone, Raptakis, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS {LC1751/1} (Removes the definition of "totally and permanently disabled" from the general law affording college tuition paid by the state to the spouse and children of active members of the police force who are killed or disabled during duty.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [784](#)

BY Bissaillon, Mack

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$750,000 TO WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE {LC2371/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$750,000 to WaterFire Providence.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [869](#)

BY DiPalma, Gu, Ciccone, Sosnowski, Murray, Tikoian, Lawson, Lauria, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- RHODE ISLAND PROGRAM TO ADDRESS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE {LC2590/1} (Creates the position of dementia services coordinator within the department of health to coordinate the departments approach to Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.)

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [924](#)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, Lawson, Murray, Appollonio, Lauria, Dimitri, McKenney ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE MEDICAID REENTRY ACT {LC2373/1} (Requires that Medicaid enrollment be maintained or provided to all inmates in the first 30 days of incarceration at the adult correctional institutions within the department of corrections and the last 30 days of incarceration when possible.)

03/28/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [940](#)

BY Bissaillon, Lawson, Tikoian, DiPalma, Ciccone, Thompson, Britto, Patalano, Urso, Dimitri ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013 {LC1980/1} (Amends sections of law relative to historic tax credits including increasing the maximum project credit and implementing requirements relative to following prevailing wage requirements.)

04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [1003](#)

BY DiPalma

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$991,000 FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN {LC2766/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$991,000 for the town of Middletown to upgrade the gymnasium at the new Middletown middle high school to serve as a regional emergency shelter.)

05/02/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [1039](#)

BY DiPalma, Felag, Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE RHODE ISLAND LIFE SCIENCE HUB ACT {LC2860/1} (Makes technical amendments to the RI life science hub regarding the terms of the directors, advisory committees, powers, disposition of hub assets upon termination, and tax status as a governmental unit which is a separate legal entity from the state.)

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [447](#)

BY Vargas, Lawson, DiPalma, Murray, Acosta, Gu, Appollonio, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX -- CHILD TAX CREDIT {LC546/1} (Establishes a child tax credit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per dependent.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/09/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 13, 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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