
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

H- 6191 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5199](#)

BY McNamara, Cotter, Solomon, Potter, Carson, Ackerman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT {LC827/1} (Establishes guidelines for continued implementation and expansion of public, high-quality kindergarten education programs.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [5200](#)

BY Donovan, Speakman, Boylan, Potter, Spears, Carson, Fogarty, Diaz, McGaw, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR WORKFORCE ACT {LC725/1} (Directs the DHS and the department of education to work collaboratively to sustain and strengthen existing workforce development and compensation programs for educators working in licensed child care and early learning programs statewide.)

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [5233](#)

BY Donovan, Speakman, Cotter, Cortvriend, Spears, Furtado, Edwards, Morales, Ajello, Shallcross Smith

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT ACT {LC964/1} (Establishes a tax credit against income tax based on eligible expenses incurred for care and support of an eligible family member.)

01/29/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [5279](#)

BY Donovan, Messier, Casimiro, McNamara, Fogarty, Biah, Speakman, Furtado, Stewart, Giraldo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS RETIREMENT {LC1050/1} (Gives teachers who takes an unpaid parental or medical leave during the year credit for a year of service for that school year if they served a minimum of 135 days.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [5282](#)

BY Donovan, Speakman, Cotter, Carson, Cortvriend, Messier, Edwards, Morales ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC961/1} (Amend the calculation of state funding provided to local education agencies for special education services.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [5283](#)

BY Casey, Noret, Craven, O'Brien, Dawson, Read, Hull, Corvese, Solomon, Casimiro ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS {LC810/1} (Adds department of corrections' correctional officers to the list of public safety employees that are entitled to their full salary if they are injured and become disabled as a result of performance of their job duties.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [5285](#)

BY Morales, Biah, Batista, DeSimone, Diaz, Sanchez, Slater, J. Lombardi, Chippendale, Place ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC786/1} (Authorizes a host city or town to impose a two percent (2%) tax on the endowment of a private institution of higher education that is in excess of one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000), to be used only for the host public school district.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [5398](#)

BY Felix, Cruz, Morales, Batista, Hull, Tanzi, J. Lombardi, Kislak, Potter, Furtado ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC1063/1} (Revises the calculation for the student success factor in the education-aid formula by adding an additional multiplier.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [5532](#)

BY Furtado, Kazarian, Messier, Cruz, Read, Boylan, Alzate, Stewart, Donovan, Morales ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC1259/1} (Mandates additional state education funding for the mental and behavioral health of students equal to 2% of the district's total expenditures, and require those funds be used to hire staff such as school social workers, and behavioral specialists.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [5744](#)

BY Morales, Diaz, Alzate, Giraldo, Stewart, Carson, Dawson, Handy, O'Brien, Ajello ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BILINGUAL, DUAL LANGUAGE AND WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS INVESTMENT ACT {LC1118/1} (Authorizes the office of postsecondary commissioner to expand bilingual and dual language teacher certificates in urban schools through two scholarship programs for students and teachers, with eligibility requirements and donations.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [5981](#)

BY Speakman, Boylan, Biah, Carson, Donovan ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC911/1} (Establishes a new categorical funding category for civics education.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [5982](#)

BY Felix, Morales, Alzate, Diaz, Potter, Tanzi, Sanchez, Kislak, Batista, Cruz ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO BILINGUAL EDUCATION {LC1983/1} (Provides funding to establish a dual language program within the department of elementary and secondary education. It also describe how to implement he Support and Access to Bilingual Education “SABE Act” for all Local Education Agencies “LEA” recipients.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [6007](#)

BY Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- THE RHODE ISLAND DIGITAL ASSET RETENTION ACT {LC1861/1} (Allows the state treasurer to acquire, hold and have the option to invest uncommitted funds in digital assets.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Resolution No. [6019](#)

BY Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Diaz, Serpa, Spears, Fogarty, Alzate, Casimiro, Furtado, Stewart ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$1,100,000 OF FUNDS FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CATEGORICAL BUDGET {LC2283/1} (Requests appropriation of \$1,100,000 for higher quality infant and toddler early care and education.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Resolution No. [6191](#)

BY ~~Carson~~

~~ENTITLED~~, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION {LC2592/1}

~~(Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Rhode Island Foundation, to generate funds to support public education.)~~

~~04/04/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance~~

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

House Bill No. [6255](#)

BY Giraldo, Voas, Alzate, Cruz, Morales, Biah, Felix, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS -- CENTRAL FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT {LC2669/1} (Authorizes the city of Central Falls, via home rule charter or city ordinance, to create a school board with all powers and duties thereto, to govern the Central Falls school district.)

04/23/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [6291](#)

BY Donovan, Speakman, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC2824/1} (Adds the property of the Pokanoket Management Group, Trustee of the Pokanoket Tribe Land Trust, to the list of property designated for appropriations in lieu of municipal property tax, would concurrently exempt such property from municipal property tax.)

04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [6299](#)

BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Bennett, Shanley, Read, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, LANDSCAPING, DEMOLITION, ARCHITECTURAL COSTS, ENGINEERING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF (I) TWO NEW HIGH SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES TO REPLACE PILGRIM HIGH SCHOOL AND TOLLGATE HIGH SCHOOL AND ON-SITE ATHLETIC FIELDS, AND (II) RECREATION AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY {LC2810/1}

(Authorizes the city of Warwick to issue not more than \$50,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance two new high schools and school facilities.)

05/02/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

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