
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

S-693 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME
S-258 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [43](#)

BY Rogers, Ciccone, LaMountain, DiPalma, Burke, Pearson, McKenney, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES {LC353/1} (Increases the number of days a retired municipal employee could work in a calendar year without interruption of pension benefits to ninety (90) days.)

01/23/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [245](#)

BY E Morgan, de la Cruz, Felag, Raptakis, Rogers, McKenney, Dimitri

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC368/1} (Allows a modification to federal adjusted gross income for all social security income for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Resolution No. [262](#)

BY Murray, Thompson, Sosnowski, DiPalma, Felag, Britto, Mack, Vargas, Bissaillon, Ciccone

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO SOJOURNER HOUSE IN RHODE ISLAND {LC1149/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 to Sojourner House to support its permanent housing development program that provides safe, secure housing to individuals and families fleeing from dangerous situations.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [331](#)

BY Zurier, Acosta, Bell, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC723/1} (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education to propose, by October 1, 2025, funding alternatives to increase state aid for districts with high poverty, with recommendations on funding levels and their impacts.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [424](#)

BY Gallo, LaMountain, Pearson, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION {LC711/1} (Provides that the department of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with a workgroup composed of various stakeholders, develop a funding formula for school districts sending students to career and technical programs outside their district.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [435](#)

BY Paolino, Rogers, Raptakis, Pearson, Lauria, Gallo, Appollonio, Tikoian, Acosta, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC2136/1} (Exempts from the sales tax eligible school supplies, costing less than \$30.00, purchased within one week prior to the commencement of the academic year.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [451](#)

BY Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC583/1} (Exempts the sale of Bitcoin from state income tax, if such sale is valued at less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [669](#)

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC1619/1} (Nullifies the department of elementary and secondary education recommendation that the turnaround plan for Providence public schools be continued.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [670](#)

BY Lauria, Felag, Valverde, Euer, Ujifusa, DiMario, Lawson, Pearson, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM {LC1876/1} (Establishes the medical primary care scholarship program to be administered by the commissioner of postsecondary education.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [679](#)

BY Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY -- FORESTRY AND FOREST PARITY ACT {LC963/1} (Creates a new motor vehicle registration for "forestry vehicles" also provides that forest product operations are permitted uses within all zoning districts of a municipality except where prohibited.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [693](#)

~~**BY DiPalma, Vargas, Tikoian, Felag, Ciccone, DiMario, Britto, Thompson, Valverde**~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS {LC1222/1} (Expands eligibility for the qualified Medicare beneficiary program by increasing the income limit from 100% to 138% of the federal poverty line.)~~

~~03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services~~

~~03/12/2025 Committee transferred to Senate Finance~~

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

Senate Bill No. [896](#)

BY Burke, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

{LC2616/1} (Requires reimbursement for medical, dental, and behavioral health services provided at community health care centers to equal the lesser of the actual cost, based on Medicaid reports, or 125% of the median rate for all community health centers within RI.)

03/27/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Resolution No. [923](#)

BY DiMario, Sosnowski, Gu, Euer, Lauria, Kallman

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$400,000 TO THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (CRMC) FOR FUNDING OF URI'S

COASTAL RESOURCES CENTER (CRC) STORMTOOLS, CHAMP ANALYSIS, AND

MYCOAST {LC2629/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$400,000 to the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council for the continuation of STORMTOOLS, CHAMP, and MyCoast.)

03/28/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [974](#)

BY Lawson, Bissaillon, Tikoian, Lauria, DiMario, Euer, Urso, Felag, Murray, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE --CONTRIBUTIONS {LC2731/1} (Increases the taxable wage base

for TDI claims from \$38,000 to \$100,000 or the annual earnings needed by an individual to qualify for the maximum weekly benefit amount and the maximum duration under chapters 39 through 41 of this title.)

04/16/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [258](#)

BY LaMountain, Patalano, Thompson, Burke, Raptakis, Dimitri, Britto, Felag, Lawson, Tikoian ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT --

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY -- VICTIMS OF CRIME TRAUMA INFORMED MOBILIZATION ACT {LC1171/1} (Establishes VICTIM Fund grant program to support nonprofit organizations providing victim services in Rhode Island with the state allocating \$30,000,000 per year to fund the program and staffing within the department of public safety.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/10/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 15, 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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