
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

PLEASE NOTE H-6236 AND H-6325 HAS BEEN ADDED

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 20, 2025

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [6077](#)

BY Giraldo, Voas, Alzate, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$15,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR {LC2245/1} (Authorizes the City of Central Falls to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$15,000,000 to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the city.)

03/12/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/03/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [6099](#)

BY Spears

ENTITLED, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS SECTION 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10,400,000 BONDS BY THE TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM TO FINANCE ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE TOWN INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, BONDS AND NOTES ISSUED PURSUANT TO FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL BUILDING CORPORATION {LC2445/1} (Serves as the enabling act required by Rhode Island General Laws§ 16-7-44 in order for the principal and interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/03/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [6129](#)

BY Noret, Serpa, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$71,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, RENOVATION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMOLITION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND LANDSCAPING COSTS {LC2581/1} (Authorizes the town of West Warwick to issue not more than \$71,000,000 bonds and notes to finance the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities.)

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

03/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/03/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/16/2025 Scheduled for 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

05/15/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [5077](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Chippendale, Roberts, Serpa, Tanzi, Cruz, Morales, Place, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES {LC588/1} (Requires DCYF to establish segregated savings account for foster care child receiving SS, SSI, veterans benefits or railroad retirement benefits to manage the accounts and keep child eligible for future benefits.)

01/16/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5143](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES {LC188/1} (Exempts foster care individuals from drivers education fee at community college of Rhode Island.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5144](#)

BY Potter, Slater, Speakman, Tanzi, Edwards, Bennett, McGaw, Shanley, Corvese, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC455/1} (Allows executive office of EOHHS to review current methodology for Medical payments to nursing facilities.)

01/22/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5320](#)

BY Casey, Potter, Donovan, Speakman, McGaw, Kazarian, Dawson, Chippendale, Serpa, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- PRESCRIPTION DRUGS {LC814/1} (Prohibits the Rhode Island medical assistance program and managed care organizations that it contracts with from requiring prior authorization or step therapy protocol for a prescription of a nonpreferred anticonvulsant or antipsychotic.)

02/05/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5526](#)

BY Fogarty, Carson, Tanzi, Bennett, Casey, Noret, Serpa, Read, McEntee, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THUNDERMIST FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM {LC1530/1} (Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to fund the Thundermist family medicine residency program during fiscal year 2026 and every fiscal year thereafter.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

04/28/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5527](#)

BY Casimiro, Noret, Read, Serpa, Tanzi, Cotter, Carson, Alzate, Shallcross Smith, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- CHILDREN'S MOBILE RESPONSE AND STABILIZATION SERVICES ACT {LC1319/1} (Establishes a statewide standalone children's mobile response and stabilization services to address the behavioral health needs of children and youth ages 2 to 21. DCYF to oversee implementation of the program.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5759](#)

BY DeSimone, Kazarian, Slater, Hull, O'Brien, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC1687/1}

(Allows a deduction from federal adjusted gross income for interest payments on outstanding student loans.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5773](#)

BY Baginski, Casimiro

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

LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM {LC1838/1} (Provides that shared living for older adults and adults with disabilities allow individuals to receive care from family caregivers, related or unrelated regardless of whether they are performing other activities, such as power of attorney for individual.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5984](#)

BY Fogarty, Carson, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Knight, Casimiro, Stewart, Donovan, Alzate, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MEDICAL PRIMARY

CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM {LC1740/1} (Establishes the medical primary care scholarship program to be administered by the commissioner of postsecondary education.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

04/28/2025 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5989](#)

BY Dawson

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

RHODE ISLAND HEALTHCARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 -- HEALTH INSURANCE

OVERSIGHT {LC2101/1} (Provides for a two-point three percent (2.3%) increase of provider reimbursement rates for intellectual and developmental disabilities commencing October 1, 2025.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [5996](#)

BY Speakman, Tanzi, Cotter, Alzate, Kislak, Boylan, Donovan, Ajello

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

ISLAND INDIVIDUAL MARKET AFFORDABILITY ACT OF 2025 {LC1839/1} (Creates the

Rhode Island Individual Market Affordability Act of 2024 to help reduce out-of-pocket costs for low- and moderate-income consumers enrolled in the health insurance coverage through the Rhode Island health benefits exchange.)

02/28/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6254](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Voas, Casimiro, Solomon, Fellela, Cotter, Perez, Biah, McNamara, Caldwell
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC2712/1} (Authorizes office of health and human services (EOHHS) to establish coverage for obesity treatments, including medication. Office of health and human services would seek a 1115(a) waiver.)

04/23/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6277](#)

BY Boylan, McGaw, Chippendale, Cotter, Spears, Donovan
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- STAY INVESTED IN RHODE ISLAND WAVEMAKER FELLOWSHIPS {LC2769/1} (Clarifies Wavemaker program eligibility to include all full-time Rhode Island medical practitioners.)

04/25/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6289](#)

(by request)

BY Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE -- LONG-TERM CARE SERVICE AND FINANCE REFORM {LC2727/1} (Raises the per diem rate by thirteen percent (13%) for Medicaid reimbursement for Tier C services provide by assisted living residence beginning January 1, 2026.)

04/30/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6236](#)

BY Cortvriend, Donovan, Knight, Speakman, Finkelman, Azzinaro, McGaw, Edwards, Carson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS {LC2711/1} (Amends the composition of school bus districts within the state to provide transportation to students in grades kindergarten through 12.)

04/11/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [6325](#)

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC2825/1} (Establishes a new high-cost special education fund to pool resources and generate income to support excess costs associated with providing service to special education students.)

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to House Finance

05/16/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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