
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

S-412 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 27, 2025

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [1001](#)

BY DiPalma, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC2843/1} (Prohibits state agencies from entering into software contracts that limit the agency's ability to install or run the software on their hardware.)

05/02/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [102](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, E Morgan, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC396/1} (Prohibits total education aid paid to any local education agency from being reduced by more than one percent (1%) of the municipal education appropriation in the previous fiscal year.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [104](#)

BY Valverde, Kallman, Vargas, Euer, McKenney, Gu, DiMario, Sosnowski, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- COMPOSTING AND ORGANIC WASTE DIVERSION {LC606/1} (Establishes Compost Fund to award grants related to reducing the amount of solid waste generated in the state.)

01/31/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [189](#)

BY DiMario, DiPalma, Gallo, Lawson, Thompson, Murray, Acosta, Valverde, McKenney, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC1166/1} (Provides that services provided by graduate student interns who work under a supervisory protocol would be eligible to be paid from Medicaid reimbursement.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [190](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC1000/1} (Provides that in local educational agencies when over 45% of the children have a family income that is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines then the student success factor will be 50% by the core instruction per-pupil amount.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [250](#)

BY Sosnowski, DiMario, Murray, Pearson, Valverde, Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC137/1} (Mandates public schools (K-12) have one full-time certified social worker for every 250 students and allocates \$2 million in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for school districts and municipalities to hire additional social workers.)

02/13/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [332](#)

BY LaMountain, Britto, Tikoian, Burke, McKenney, Felag, Murray, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT {LC974/1} (Exempts individual retirement accounts as a countable resource for public assistance. This act also prohibits the state as a creditor against an ABLE account in the event of death of a beneficiary.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [333](#)

BY Gu, DiPalma, Lawson, Bissailon, Murray, Valverde, DiMario, Tikoian, Acosta, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC1069/1} (Requires EOHHS to establish a 1-year pilot program for nutritional assistance and medically tailored meals, groceries and produce for peoples with diet-related diseases or food insecurity, and other interventions where there is a clinical need.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [339](#)

BY Lauria, DiMario, Pearson, Euer, Urso, Acosta, DiPalma, Lawson, Valverde, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THUNDERMIST FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM {LC1477/1} (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.)

02/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [412](#)

BY ~~Tikoian, Ciccone, Burke, Lawson, Patalano, Urso, Dimitri, Rogers, Thompson, Gu~~
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE MEDICAID SECTION 1115
DEMONSTRATION WAIVER REQUESTS AND RENEWALS -- RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID
REFORM ACT OF 2008 {LC1761/1} (Joint resolution to approve an amendment to the Medicaid
section 1115 demonstration waiver requests and renewals.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [427](#)

BY Lauria, Valverde, Murray, Sosnowski, Pearson, Gallo, Ujifusa, Appollonio, Urso, Britto
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- HEALTH
CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN {LC1678/1} (Requires the EOHHS to
amend the state Medicaid plan and secure sufficient state general revenue to increase Medicaid
payment rates to an amount equal to one hundred thirty percent (130%) of Medicare rates for
outpatient clinical pediatric services.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [457](#)

BY McKenney, Murray, Vargas, Gu, Lawson, Quezada, Acosta
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO
BILINGUAL EDUCATION {LC1219/1} (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.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [654](#)

BY Gallo, Lawson, Tikoian, DiPalma, LaMountain, Zurier
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PILOT PROGRAM FOR VIRTUAL
REALITY LEARNING PLATFORM {LC2249/1} (Establishes a pilot program for a virtual reality
learning platform to improve math skills for grades 6 through 12 STEM education.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [666](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PERSONAL INCOME TAX {LC1695/1}
(Provides a tax credit to individual taxpayers who convert their gas-powered vehicle into a vehicle
propelled by an alternative fuel source.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [667](#)

BY DiPalma, Felag, Zurier, Murray

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 {LC2284/1} (Requests appropriation of \$1,100,000 for higher quality infant and toddler early care and education.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [697](#)

BY Murray, Thompson, Kallman, Quezada, Valverde, Lauria, Mack, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC1867/1} (Mandates that EOHHS assemble a network of equity zones where local multisector groups of nonprofits, service providers, advocates, community members, state agencies, and municipalities can address social factors of health at a local level.)

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

04/18/2025 Committee transferred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [785](#)

BY Vargas, Lawson, Mack, DiPalma, Zurier, McKenney, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BILINGUAL, DUAL LANGUAGE AND WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS INVESTMENT ACT {LC2351/1} (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.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [870](#)

BY DiMario, Murray, Zurier, McKenney, Valverde, Lawson, Lauria, Appollonio, Bissaillon, DiPalma, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME {LC2532/1} (Provides \$4,000,000 to support comprehensive and effective afterschool, school vacation, summer learning and workforce development programs for students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12).)

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [873](#)

BY Bissaillon, DiPalma, Tikoian, Lawson, Sosnowski, Murray, Urso, Britto, DiMario, Burke

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$90,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO SUPPORT PHYSICIAN REIMBURSEMENT RATE INCREASES IN THE RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID PROGRAM {LC2565/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$90,000,000 to the Rhode Island executive office of health and human services to be invested in increasing reimbursement rates for all physicians and advanced practice providers.)

03/21/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [1042](#)

BY Gu, Gallo, Zurier, Acosta, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PROMISE

SCHOLARSHIP {LC2891/1} (Makes students in workforce-ready certificate programs at the Community College of Rhode Island eligible to receive the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship.)

05/09/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [430](#)

BY Vargas, Acosta, Lauria, Kallman, Quezada, LaMountain, Lawson, Mack, Gu, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID {LC1758/1}

(Establishes a statewide “Healthy School Meals for all” universal school breakfast and lunch program in Rhode Island public schools phased in over 3 years)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/23/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [452](#)

BY Acosta, Vargas, Valverde, Mack, Britto, Lawson, Gu, Quezada, Bell, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID {LC1591/1}

(Establishes a statewide “Healthy School Meals for all” universal school breakfast and lunch program in Rhode Island public schools phased in over 3 years.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 27, 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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