
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PROPOSED SUB A's HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-550, S-729 & S-579

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Monday, June 2, 2025

TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [550](#)

BY Urso, Ciccone, Dimitri, Tikoian, LaMountain, Pearson, Murray, DiMario, Sosnowski, Patalano, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC1544/1} (Increases penalties for animal abuse under this chapter.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/10/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [527](#)

BY LaMountain, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- BY POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION {LC412/1} (Denies the right of footway, except within one hundred (100) yards of the Pawtuxet River in the cities of Warwick and Cranston and excepts in connection with a right to pass with carriages, to be acquired by prescription or adverse use.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

05/27/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [742](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- PUBLIC RECORDS ADMINISTRATION {LC1329/1} (Updates public records administration act, modifies records control schedule, designates records officer, establishes procedures for retention of records. Provides administrator submit yearly reports, establishes public reporting compliance.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/19/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/22/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [800](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Thompson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Lawson, Patalano, Appollonio ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM -- CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS {LC1667/1} (Allows retired state employees who worked for the unified judicial system as certified or qualified court interpreters to be employed or reemployed for a limited period in a given year.)

03/14/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/21/2025 Meeting postponed

04/29/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/01/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [729](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Tikoian, Gallo, Felag, LaMountain, Britto, DiMario, Dimitri, Appollonio, Burke, Thompson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THREATS AND EXTORTION {LC1332/1} (Considers election officials and poll workers "public officials" for purposes of the prohibition on making threats to public officials.)

03/07/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/27/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [520](#)

BY Bissaillon, Pearson, Gu, Lawson, Burke, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC2175/1} (Modernizes and streamlines the existing processes for getting on the permanent mail ballot application list.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/20/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [519](#)

BY Mack, Acosta, Ujifusa, Gu, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS {LC804/1} (Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race by expanding the definition of race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protected hairstyles.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/19/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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05/22/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [541](#)

BY Lauria, Kallman, Lawson, DiMario, Vargas, Pearson, Ujifusa, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC1710/1} (Increases from 7 days to 9 days the period of time in which a request for a recount of the votes cast can be made to the board of elections and no certificates of election may be issued until the recount, if any, is completed.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/14/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/20/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [579](#)

BY Burke, Ciccone, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- COMMITTEES AND STAFF {LC2186/1} (Requires nonprofit, as a condition for requesting state funds from the general assembly, to submit & post on their website, a list of 10 of their highest paid director, officer & employee salaries & any forms of compensation provided to those individuals.)

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/21/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/27/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5185 SUB A](#)

BY Donovan, Potter, Carson, Fogarty, Spears, McGaw, Speakman, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PROHIBITION OF UNFAIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS {LC749/A/1}

01/24/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/31/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/04/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

02/21/2025 Scheduled for consideration

02/25/2025 Committee recommends passage

03/07/2025 Scheduled for reconsideration

03/07/2025 Proposed Substitute

03/07/2025 Proposed Substitute

03/11/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

03/14/2025 Placed on House Calendar

03/18/2025 House passed Sub A

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03/21/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5365](#)

BY Craven, Caldwell, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FIDUCIARIES -- APPLICATION OF LAWS TO TRUSTS {LC1312/1} (Provides that a communication between an attorney and client acting as a trustee or other fiduciary, is privileged and protected from disclosure to the same extent as if the client was acting in his, her, or its individual capacity.)

02/07/2025 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/28/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

05/16/2025 Scheduled for consideration

05/22/2025 Committee recommends passage

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar

05/27/2025 House read and passed

05/30/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [5715 SUB A](#)

BY Serpa, Fellela

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RETIREMENT SYSTEM--ADMINISTRATION {LC2096/A/1}

02/26/2025 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

04/18/2025 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/22/2025 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/09/2025 Scheduled for consideration

05/09/2025 Proposed Substitute

05/09/2025 Proposed Substitute

05/15/2025 Committee recommends passage of Sub A

05/23/2025 Placed on House Calendar

05/29/2025 House passed Sub A

05/30/2025 Referred to Senate Judiciary

05/30/2025 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [550 SUB A](#)

{LC1544/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [729 SUB A](#)
{LC1332/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [579 SUB A](#)
{LC2186/A/1}

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