
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 5, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7036](#)

BY Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Shallcross Smith, Read, Kislak, Speakman, Roberts, Hopkins, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3167/1} (Requires every school district to render assistance and cooperation within its jurisdictional power to further the objects of this chapter, to wit, providing the courts with any information concerning a child as the court may require.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7133](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION {LC3773/1} (Permits the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint, including the enforcement remedy of a restraining order or other injunctive relief.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7194](#)

BY O'Brien, Dawson, McEntee, Serpa, Fellela, Costantino, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Corvese, Slater

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC3870/1} (Includes animal cruelty offenses to the domestic violence crimes committed by a family or household members against another.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7282](#)

BY Place, Cruz, Potter, J. Lombardi, Newberry, Tanzi, Fascia, Felix, J. Brien, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- STATE CRIME LABORATORY COMMISSION {LC4313/1} (Increases the membership of the state crime laboratory commission from five (5) to nine (9). The overseer and co-executive secretaries of the commission have been changed to the deans of URI's colleges of pharmacy and engineering.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7287

BY Nardone, Place, Chippendale, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL {LC4277/1} (Clarifies the process of depositing settlement funds from non-multi-state initiatives and require that settlements could not be spent without express general assembly authorization.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7289

BY Place, Cruz, Potter, J. Lombardi, Newberry, Tanzi, Felix, J. Brien, Ajello, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT -- POWERS OF ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL -- CIVIL FORFEITURE PROCEDURE {LC4302/1} (Prohibits civil asset forfeiture regarding violations of the controlled substances laws until a criminal conviction is obtained.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7351

BY McNamara, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- EMINENT DOMAIN {LC3593/1} (Allows the department of environmental management to acquire established foot paths by eminent domain, to provide public access to streams, rivers, lakes and ponds.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7354

BY Bennett, Edwards, Potter, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Hopkins, Paplauskas, Slater, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES AND RULES OF THE ROAD {LC4435/1} (Allows lane filtering, the act of passing stopped or slow-moving vehicles proceeding in the same direction, for motorcycles at low speeds.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7355

BY Fogarty, Boylan, Edwards, Donovan, Kazarian, Handy, Ajello, J. Lombardi, Cortvriend, Hull

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- CERTIFICATES OF TITLE AND SECURITY INTERESTS {LC4403/1} (Allows on and after September 1, 2026, an owner of motor vehicle(s) to transfer ownership and registration of said vehicle on their death, by a certificate of title designation and requires DMV to amend title forms, to include transfer-on-death language.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7356](#)

BY Chippendale, Santucci, Place

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL EMPLOYEE

BACKGROUND CHECKS {LC4591/1} (Provides for a comprehensive criminal and employment background check procedure for all school employees.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7359](#)

BY Baginski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- PUBLIC AUCTIONS OF REAL ESTATE

{LC4631/1} (Requires public auctions by any city or town of real estate or an interest therein to only be done in person and not by electronic or remote procedures unless authorized by court order.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7438](#)

BY Casimiro, Craven, Solomon, Read

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

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES {LC4608/1} (Provides that all extended benefits offered by DCYF to foster children shall be extended to children placed in guardianship.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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