
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2026

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2016](#)

BY Euer, Valverde, Quezada, Lauria, Gallo, Kallman, Vargas, Acosta, Mack, Pearson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM {LC3233/1} (Adds "media literacy" to the standards currently taught in civic education for K-12, which are the history of Rhode Island, representative government, the rights and duties of actively engaged citizenship and the principles of democracy.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2017](#)

BY Acosta, Gallo, Raptakis, Mack, Zurier, Bissailon, Valverde, DiPalma, Murray, McKenney ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS {LC3810/1} (Provides that the school year for all public schools, including traditional public and public charter schools, independent charter schools, and mayoral academies, would start on the same date of each calendar year.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [2018](#)

BY Acosta, Lawson, Gallo, Mack, Zurier, Bissailon, Valverde, Quezada, Thompson, Ujifusa ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE, PUBLISH AND SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSITION OF AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION {LC3203/1} (Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education that is adequate, equitable and meaningful and provides judicial enforcement of this provision.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2078](#)

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Gu, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain, Murray ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE SCHOOL LIBRARIES ACT {LC3794/1} (Creates the School Libraries Act.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2525](#)

BY McKenney, Murray, LaMountain, Gallo, Urso, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- LIBRARY EBOOK CONTRACTS {LC5144/1} (Establishes enforcement limitations on contract terms for the licensing of electronic books or digital audiobooks to libraries to preclude the library from being subject to unfair sales practices.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2635](#)

BY Lawson, Gallo, Ciccone, Tikoian, Bissailon, Murray, LaMountain, Urso, Britto, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID {LC4915/1} (Ends transaction fees for school lunches in all districts. This act requires at least one no-fee payment method for school lunches and a full disclosure whether fees will be charged by a payment platform.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 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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