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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, INTERNET, & TECHNOLOGY

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**H-7544 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, March 5, 2026  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** Room 135 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

### House Bill No. [7032](#)

**BY Speakman, Ajello, Kislak, Donovan, Cotter, Casimiro, Felix, Batista, McGaw, Potter ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY {LC3565/1} (Prohibits an educational institution or school district from accessing or using location data for tracking a student's institutional device or personal device, except in limited circumstances.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

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

### House Bill No. [7120](#)

**BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Stewart**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT AND INVESTMENT ACT {LC3753/1} (Establishes a statewide broadband community outreach coordinator to assist state residents interested in learning more and/or applying for, the federal Affordable Connectivity Program.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

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

### House Bill No. [7544](#)

~~**BY Casimiro, J. Brien, Hopkins, Furtado, Potter**~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC4771/1} (Prohibits state agencies from entering into software contracts that limit the agency's ability to install or run the software of the agency's choosing on their hardware.)~~

~~02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology~~

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

### House Bill No. [7954](#)

**BY Potter, Caldwell, Boylan, Cortvriend, Dawson, Carson, Spears, Voas, McNamara, Speakman ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- DIGITAL PLATFORM TRANSPARENCY AND DEMOCRATIC INTEGRITY ACT {LC5174/1} (Regulates how certain large social media platforms utilize algorithms.)

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**House Bill No. [7955](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Potter, Alzate, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS -- CURRENCY TRANSMISSIONS {LC5563/1} (Expands the definition of operator to anyone who enables customers to purchase virtual currency. Expands the definition of a transaction to include a digital product or application where payment is made in person or through a third party intermediary.)

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**House Resolution No. [7956](#)**

**BY Casey**

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY BLOCKCHAIN AND CRYPTOCURRENCY {LC5611/1} (Creates a 5 member commission to recommend legislative proposals for blockchain and cryptocurrency, and submit an interim progress report by January 5, 2027, and a final report by January 5, 2028, and would expire on February 5, 2028.)

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**House Bill No. [7957](#)**

**BY Casey**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DIGITAL ASSET KEYS--PROHIBITION OF PRODUCTION OF PRIVATE KEYS {LC5610/1} (Prohibits the compelled production of a private key as it relates to a digital asset, digital identity or other interest or right.)

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