HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

H-7414 and H-7271 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF SPONSOR

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 10, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. 7114
BY Ackerman, Shekarchi, McNamara, Boylan, Finkelman, Kazarian, Kennedy, Donovan, J. Brien, Newberry
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC3216/1} (Permits special community service to be imposed because of bullying based on religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or ethnicity.)
01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7115
BY McNamara, Donovan, Ackerman, Casimiro, Bennett, Casey, Noret, Read, Paplauskas, Fascia
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC3590/1} (Mandates the use of a soft-shell helmet cover device that adds a padded, soft-shell layer to the outside of a traditional football helmet, for students participating in Rhode Island interscholastic league football)
01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7341
BY McNamara, Shanley, Bennett, Hopkins, Solomon
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS {LC3591/1} (Provides for better communication between sending and receiving districts regarding students receiving CTE or pathways education.)
01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

~~**House Bill No. 7414**~~
~~(City of Providence)~~
~~**BY Slater, O'Brien**~~
~~**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC4254/1} (Nullifies the department of elementary and secondary education recommendation that the turnaround plan for Providence public schools be continued.)~~
~~01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education~~
~~03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Resolution No. 7483
BY Messier, Furtado, Alzate, Kazarian, Stewart
ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ANTI-LITTERING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS {LC4679/1} (Extends the reporting and expiration dates of the commission to study an anti-littering education program for RI public elementary school students from February 2, 2026, to February 2, 2027, and would expire on April 2, 2027.)
02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7527
BY Casimiro, McNamara, Potter, Read, Hopkins, Shallcross Smith, Kazarian, Alzate, Diaz, Stewart
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION MENTORSHIP PROGRAM ACT {LC4826/1} (Requires that student mentors in public schools be certified support educators, ensuring mentors have professional training, established student relationships, and access to skills and information needed to support student success.)
02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

~~**House Bill No. 7271**~~
~~**BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez**~~
~~**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS {LC4265/1} (Amends the composition of the urban collaborative in Providence and provides that it is governed by a board of trustees.)~~
~~01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education~~
~~03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. 7417
BY Kislak, Read, Furtado, Cotter, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Noret, McNamara, Cruz, Casimiro
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE SAVE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL LIBRARIES ACT {LC4665/1} (Creates the Save Rhode Island School Libraries Act.)
01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7733
BY Cotter, Roberts, Kazarian, Tanzi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXETER -- WEST GREENWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT {LC5137/1} (Amends chapter 80 of the public laws of 1965 with respect to the composition of the regional district school building committee, apportionment of construction and operating costs and amendments to the agreement.)
02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7415
BY Messier, Kislak, Casey, Furtado, Kazarian, Alzate, Sanchez, Serpa, Fogarty, Phillips
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS {LC4443/1} (Bars the council from granting approval to create or expand a charter school beginning operations in 26-27 school year and bars the state from approving or appropriating funds to a new charter school not approved before July 1, 2025.)
01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7525
BY Place
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS -- CHARTER SCHOOL REFORM {LC4885/1} (Allows charter schools to engage in nontraditional approaches to learning.)
02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7615
BY Place
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS {LC4888/1} (Permits local communities to adopt an all-charter public school model for public education upon an affirmative vote of the local municipality's council and school committee, and an affirmative vote at a special or general election.)
02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7616
BY Bennett, Cortvriend, Edwards, Casey, Slater, Noret, Corvese, Kislak, Ackerman, Serpa
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL TRAUMA KIT ACT {LC5028/1} (Requires every elementary and secondary school within the State of Rhode Island to provide and maintain clearly visible and easily accessible trauma kits within the school. It also provides immunity if assistance is rendered.)
02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7730
BY Stewart, Speakman, Cotter, Cruz, Alzate, Giraldo, Furtado, Boylan, Place, J. Lombardi
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM {LC4795/1} (Directs the department of elementary and secondary education to provide a two-year pilot program that coordinates a national cultural exchange program for students of this state.)
02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7901
BY Baginski, O'Brien
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT {LC5542/1} (Requires all school districts to designate a certified athletic trainer at each high school within its district.)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7902
BY Baginski, Read
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT {LC5541/1} (Replaces the existing chapter on this subject by requiring school districts to organize concussion oversight teams, develop removal-from-play, return-to-play, and return-to-learn protocols, and develop a concussion brochure.)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7903
BY Casey, J. Brien, Hopkins, Messier, Costantino, McNamara, Biah, Azzinaro, Slater
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS CONCUSSION ACT {LC5764/1} (Requires schools to implement a plan to provide academic accommodation for a student who has been diagnosed with a concussion or other brain injury.)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. 7906
BY Casey, McNamara, Edwards, Furtado, Shanley, Corvese, Biah, Azzinaro, Voas
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS {LC5746/1} (Requires all certified independent or district charter schools upon application for a renewal of said charter or an application for a new charter school to provide a union neutrality clause in the charter.)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. 8131
BY Edwards, Casey, Bennett, Diaz, Fellela, Potter, Cotter, McNamara, Messier, Furtado
ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY RHODE ISLAND'S METHOD OF FUNDING CHARTER SCHOOLS {LC5782/1} (Creates a 13-member joint commission to study Rhode Island’s method of funding charter schools, and would report back to the Governor and the General Assembly by April 1, 2027, and would expire on July 1, 2027.)
02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education
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