
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 12, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2401](#)

BY Gallo, Vargas, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- GENERAL POWERS {LC4296/1} (Authorizes the city of Cranston to establish a housing division within its municipal court.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2148](#)

BY Gu, Felag, Urso

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES -- RETAIL LICENSES {LC4027/1} (Liquor licenses in Westerly required to have liability insurance.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2128](#)

BY Zurier, McKenney, Bissailon, Burke, Quezada, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION {LC3432/1} (Requires individuals seeking a judicial nomination to reapply to JNC every 3 years and make those individuals selected as finalists, eligible only for the court in which they applied and were chosen during the five years following their selection.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2141](#)

BY Zurier, McKenney, Bissailon, Burke, Quezada, Tikoian, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES {LC3442/1} (Increases fees paid to jurors to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2057](#)

BY Tikoian, LaMountain, Ciccone, Gallo, Burke, McKenney, Patalano, Bissailon, Raptakis, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3166/1} (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 Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [3050](#)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- SUPERIOR COURT {LC6062/1} (Permits retired superior court magistrates to be assigned to perform service pursuant to §§ 8-2-11.1, 8-2-39, 8-2-39.1 or 8-2-39.2 and be reemployed by the superior court without any forfeiture or reduction of any retirement benefits.)

03/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2144](#)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC4001/1} (Permits the court to determine the number of hours a person would have to complete of a batters intervention program and gives the court discretion as to whether that person would be personally financially responsible for the costs thereof.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2281](#)

BY Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Thompson, LaMountain, Dimitri, de la Cruz, Appollonio, Burke, Famiglietti

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION {LC4363/1} (Makes it a felony for any person required to register as a sex offender to live within three hundred feet (300') of a school as defined in § 11-37.1-2.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2489](#)

BY Felag, Raptakis, McKenney, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Dimitri, Patalano, Lauria, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION {LC4934/1} (Amends the definition of "domestic violence" to include the coercive control of another resulting in a pattern of behavior that in purpose or effect unreasonably interferes with another person's free will or personal liberty.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2160](#)

BY LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- RHODE ISLAND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT ACT {LC4002/1} (Prohibits noncompete agreements except for noncompete agreements between a seller and buyer of a business; creates civil action for an employer for the violation of an agreement by employee regarding disclosure or wrongful utilization of trade secrets.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2497](#)

BY Bissaillon, Ciccone, LaMountain, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT {LC4844/1} (Amends sections of the Rhode Island cannabis act relating to the residency requirements for applicants for issuance of a license or certificate to own a cannabis establishment.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2961](#)

(Cannabis Control Commission)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, Mack, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT {LC4962/1} (Updates the Rhode Island Cannabis Act to remove the current requirement to express cannabinoids as the dry-weight percentages.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2962](#)

(Cannabis Control Commission)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, Mack, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT {LC4961/1} (Updates the Rhode Island Cannabis Act to eliminate the statutorily required subcommittees under the cannabis advisory board.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [2980](#)

BY Acosta, Mack, Kallman, Thompson, DiPalma, Bissaillon, Quezada, Euer, DiMario, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT {LC5983/1} (Makes several amendments to the cannabis act relating to applications for licensure, the social equity assistance program and the application of cannabis tax revenue.)

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03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 12, 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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