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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** Room 101 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7480](#)**

**BY Carson**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE CHILDREN'S CARDIAC SAFETY ACT {LC3207/1} (Establishes "The Children's Cardiac Safety Act", and provide for childhood cardiac screening based on modules that incorporate current best practices.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7481](#)**

**BY Fogarty, Cortvriend, Alzate, Boylan, Carson, Shallcross Smith, Spears, Kazarian, Handy, Hull**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC4743/1} (Requires the department of elementary and secondary education and DOH to adopt policies, rules and regulations for the administration of seizure rescue medications for children who have been medically identified as having epilepsy/seizure disorder.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7482](#)**

**BY Voas, Potter, O'Brien, Slater**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS {LC4272/1} (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.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7526](#)**

**BY Read, Place, Noret, Phillips, Casimiro, Papluskas, O'Brien, Biah, Donovan, Bennett**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS -- STUDENT AND TEACHER CLASSROOM SAFETY {LC4763/1} (Establishes provisions for student and teacher classroom safety and provides the authority to remove students from classrooms. This act provides for student and educator protections from said removals.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7529](#)**

**BY O'Brien**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF TEACHERS GENERALLY {LC3868/1} (Broadens the definition of "teacher" and create a comprehensive bill of rights for school teachers.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7614](#)**

**BY O'Brien, McNamara, Solomon, Furtado, Messier, Kazarian, Slater, Giraldo, Voas, Casey**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

{LC3873/1} (Provides that for the period up until July 1, 2027, an applicant for a teaching certificate in Rhode Island would not be required to complete a standardized teacher's examination as a prerequisite to obtaining a teaching certificate.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7617](#)**

**BY Donovan, Cotter, Boylan, Speakman, Fogarty, Biah, Tanzi**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF

PUPILS {LC4770/1} (Provides that where the administration, use, or maintenance of epinephrine within schools and on buses is authorized, this use would include epinephrine auto-injectors and epinephrine nasal sprays)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7728](#)**

**BY O'Brien, McNamara, Shallcross Smith, Craven, Azzinaro, Corvese, Fellela, McEntee, Donovan, Read**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS

{LC3867/1} (Allows emergency preliminary certificates for teaching to be issued for up to a total of five (5) school years.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7729](#)**

**BY Kislak, Tanzi, Cruz, Biah, Alzate, Stewart, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Ajello**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS

{LC4942/1} (Creates a prohibition on the unlawful use of seclusion rooms within any public pre-k program, elementary or secondary school in the state.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7731](#)**

**BY Read, Noret, Fascia, Corvese, Santucci, Donovan, McNamara, Casey, Serpa, Solomon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC5131/1}** (Strengthens school security measures, including the establishment of a RI school emergency response committee to develop additional recommendations for school security measures and requiring an annual school safety assessment by all school districts.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7895](#)**

~~**BY Caldwell, Knight, Read, Casimiro, Cotter, O'Brien, Speakman, Donovan, Kislak, Spears ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SAFE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 2026 {LC5717/1}**~~ (Establishes the Safe School Technology Act of 2026.)

~~02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education~~

~~03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

**House Bill No. [7896](#)**

**BY Cotter, Carson, Spears, Speakman, McGaw, DeSimone, Caldwell, Donovan, Ajello, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC5420/1}** (Permits students diagnosed with asthma, a condition that may lead to bronchospasm or anaphylaxis, or both, to carry and self-administer asthma medication or auto-injectable or intranasal epinephrine, or both.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7897](#)**

**BY Solomon, Casey**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC5071/1}** (Requires all schools and educational institutions to develop and implement a school safety plan that would provide for immediate access to school facilities by first responders in an emergency.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7898](#)**

**BY DeSimone**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC5774/1}** (Requires the installation and use of a weapons detection system at every public entrance to any school building, gymnasium, school event facility, sporting event site and any site where a school hosts or participates in an event even if off campus.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7899](#)**

**BY Caldwell**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TEACHERS' TENURE {LC5702/1}

(Requires the names of any noncredentialed school employee who is terminated for good and just cause, to be furnished to the department of education.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7904](#)**

**BY Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Giraldo, Cortvriend, Tanzi**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND

SUPERINTENDENTS {LC5573/1} (Changes the maximum term of employment for a superintendent from three (3) to five (5) years.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7905](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Potter, Alzate, Read**

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

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES -- QUALITY OF EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION AND SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE THROUGH VOLUNTARY QUALITY RATING SYSTEM

{LC4924/1} (Would establish certain presumptions pertaining to early childhood education programs operating in RIDE-certified school buildings.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7908](#)**

**BY Shallcross Smith, Casey, Cruz, Alzate, Casimiro, Fellela**

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

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES {LC5553/1} (Requires BrightStars QRIS ratings for licensed child care facilities to be based on an average of all standards, ensure transparent scoring methods, and preserve automatic five-star ratings for nationally accredited programs.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7909](#)**

**BY O'Brien, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, Alzate, Baginski, Furtado, Voas, Serpa, Biah, Dawson**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND LITERACY AND

DROPOUT PREVENTION ACT {LC5577/1} (Redefines dyslexia to mean a specific learning disability characterized by difficulties in word reading and/or spelling that involve accuracy, speed, or both and vary depending on the orthography.)

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### **TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION**

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