
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-8093 HAS BEEN ADDED
H-7820 and H-7651 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR
PROPOSED SUB A FOR H-7133 & H-8086 HAVE BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 2, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7133](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION {LC3773/1} (Permits the family court to award custody of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint, including the enforcement remedy of a restraining order or other injunctive relief.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

01/30/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7200](#)

BY McEntee, Shekarchi, Caldwell, Casimiro, Spears, Felix, Cortvriend, Serpa, Fellela, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC3370/1} (Makes all causes of action based on sexual abuse or exploitation of a child not subject to any statute of limitations whether the claim has lapsed or was previously time-barred.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7547](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY Furtado, Stewart, McGaw, Dawson, Cotter, Potter, Donovan, Alzate, Messier, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION {LC4643/1} (Permits victims of stalking to recover for expenses related to relocation or home modification under the crime victim compensation program.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7648](#)

(Judiciary)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Knight, Dawson, O'Brien, Spears, Bennett

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT {LC5099/1} (Requires the electronic filing of domestic violence/sexual assault forms by law enforcement agencies, and enhances the information to be included on the reporting forms.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7649](#)

BY Dawson, McEntee, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- UNIFORM ACT ON PREVENTION OF AND REMEDIES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING {LC5007/1} (Requires that all monies received from the payment of fines under the Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking be deposited into the into the violent crimes indemnity account within the general fund.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7653](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Felix, Alzate, Kazarian, Tanzi, Sanchez, Furtado

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT {LC5098/1} (Allows for the electronic filing of domestic violence/sexual assault reporting forms by law enforcement agencies, enhances the information to be included on the reporting forms, and clarifies that the reporting forms should be submitted monthly.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7656](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Read, Spears, McNamara, Bennett, O'Brien, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSION REVOCATION AND REDUCTION ACT

{LC4646/1} (Authorizes the state retirement board to revoke or reduce an individual's pension benefit if that individual is convicted or pleads guilty or no contest to a felony sex crime related to their public office or public employment.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8064](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Read, Noret, Corvese, Fascia, Serpa, Casey, Spears, Solomon, Hopkins, Santucci

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER

REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION {LC5629/1} (Provides that violations of § 11-37.1-10 relating to failing to register as a sex offender are subject to the duration and frequency of registrations pursuant to § 11-37.1-4.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8080](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Fogarty, Alzate, Diaz, Casimiro, Carson, Donovan, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Stewart, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

PREVENTION ACT {LC5632/1} (Provides that a defendant's third and subsequent violation of domestic violence offenses, including both prior felony and misdemeanor convictions, would be punishable as a felony.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8086](#)

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Knight, Bennett, McNamara, Dawson, Spears, O'Brien, Read, Casey

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS,

INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS {LC5630/1} (Provides that the statute of limitations for second-degree sexual assault shall be 10 years from the date of the offense, or, in the case of a victim who is under the age of 18, ten years from the victim's eighteenth birthday, whichever is later.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8093](#)

(Attorney General)

BY McEntee, Caldwell, Knight, Bennett, Dawson, Spears, O'Brien, Potter, Casey, Read ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN {LC5628/1} (Expands the definition of "educational program" for purposes of the abused and neglected children general law to include charter schools, parochial schools, after school programs, camps and various other programs involving children.)

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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [7133 SUB A](#)

{LC3773/A/1}

House Bill No. [8086 SUB A](#)

{LC5630/A/1}

House Bill No. [8093 SUB A](#)

{LC5628/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7079](#)

BY Craven, Biah, Cortvriend, Shanley, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC3887/1} (Permits those individuals convicted of multiple felonies and misdemeanors to have their records expunged and provide criteria for the court to consider in determining whether the person is of good moral character.)

01/14/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7134](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- THE RHODE ISLAND FIRST STEP ACT {LC3772/1} (Establishes Rhode Island First Step program requiring DOC to assist offenders with reintegration into society, counseling, medical care, education, early sentence termination or pre-release confinement for elderly and terminally ill offenders.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7203](#)

BY Felix, McEntee, Craven, Cruz, Ajello, Morales, Potter, Alzate, J. Lombardi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE {LC3852/1} (Prohibits the courts from setting cash or surety bail on any misdemeanor offense but permits the court to set reasonable non-monetary conditions of bail to assure the defendant's presence in court as required and to protect the community.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7204](#)

BY J. Lombardi, Hull, Cruz, Potter, J. Brien, Stewart, Kislak, Diaz, McEntee, Alzate ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC4242/1} (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 10 years after sentence completed.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7205](#)

BY Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Alzate, Stewart, Craven, McEntee, Giraldo, Donovan, Spears, Sanchez

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATED TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCING RECONSIDERATION ACT {LC3139/1} (Allows eligible individuals serving sentences of imprisonment to seek sentence reductions from the superior court, individuals serving life without parole or minimum mandatory sentences pursuant to law, would not be eligible for such relief.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7216](#)

BY Perez, Messier, Santucci, Quattrocchi, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Azzinaro, Fascia, Hull, J. Lombardi

ENTITLED, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS IN THE DELIVERY OF HEALTHCARE TO INMATES AND INDIVIDUALS AWAITING TRIAL IN THE CUSTODY OF THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (RIDOC) {LC3944/1} (Creates a 9 member commission to study and make recommendations on the delivery of healthcare services at RIDOC, and who reports back to the House no later than January 5, 2027, and whose life would expire on March 5, 2027.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7280](#)

BY Place, Cruz, Potter, J. Lombardi, Newberry, Tanzi, Felix, J. Brien, Hull, Ajello ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- BAIL AND RECOGNIZANCE {LC4338/1} (Creates a 10 member bail task force to study the need of monetary conditions of bail and to consider other methods for ensuring an accused's appearance in court, enhance public safety and honor the presumption of innocence and to file report by 1/1/2028.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7281](#)

BY Cruz, J. Brien, Potter, Stewart, Kislak, Place, McEntee, Sanchez, Shanley, Craven ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC3144/1} (Reduces the time for expungements to 3 years for a single misdemeanor and 5 years for felonies and multiple misdemeanors.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7432](#)

BY Place, J. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS {LC4520/1} (Prohibits prosecutions for crimes in Rhode Island if the prosecution arises from the same facts or acts for which the defendant was acquitted in another jurisdiction, unless newly discovered evidence substantially warrants prosecution.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7508](#)

BY Casimiro, Fogarty, McGaw, Tanzi, Boylan, Cortvriend, Kislak, J. Lombardi, Alzate, Stewart ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CLEAN SLATE ACT {LC4746/1} (Authorizes the automatic expungement of eligible conviction records by operation of law, initiated and completed by state agencies through electronic processes established within the judicial system.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7555](#)

BY Felix, McEntee, Knight, Craven, Ajello, Batista, Cruz, Dawson, J. Lombardi, Sanchez ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURES -- IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS {LC4431/1} (Provides that individual counts of a district court criminal complaint dismissed pursuant to Rule 48(a) would be sealed administratively by the court clerk upon the defendant's request.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7651](#)

~~BY Batista, Cruz, Potter, Alzate, Felix, J. Lombardi, Morales, Stewart, Shanley ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION {LC3709/1}~~ (Requires courts to presume release for most probation violations, set reasonable bail or non-monetary conditions, limit detention to cases of risk or danger, require prompt hearings, and mandate written reasons for detention.)

~~02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [7652](#)

BY Cruz, Felix, Batista, Potter, Stewart, Morales, Kislak, Furtado, Sanchez, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SENTENCE AND EXECUTION {LC3752/1} (Requires sentencing court to consider whether defendant is parent of child, or caregiver of elderly, disabled or terminally ill person whose well-being would be adversely affected by the person's incarceration and if so, shall impose a non-jail sentence.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7820](#)

BY ~~Lima~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5804/1} (Makes persons who were convicted of crimes forty or more years ago eligible to have their records expunged, with certain exceptions.)~~

~~02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [8074](#)

BY Morales, Kislak, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Stewart, Potter, Tanzi, Cotter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINALS -- CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS -- COMMISSION ON PARDONS {LC5682/1} (Establishes a commission to promulgate rules, regulations and make recommendations to the governor as to petitions for pardons under Article IX, Section 13 of the Constitution of Rhode Island.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8083](#)

BY Cruz, Handy, Ajello, Stewart, Batista, Sanchez, Morales, Casimiro, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5813/1} (Allows expungement of multiple felony convictions for non-violent felonies 10 years from the date of conviction.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8084](#)

BY Cruz, Handy, Ajello, Stewart, Batista, Morales, Casimiro, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5814/1} (Makes persons convicted of simple possession of controlled substances, eligible to have their records expunged three (3) years after imposition of their sentence.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8085](#)

BY Cruz, Handy, Ajello, Stewart, Batista, Sanchez, Casimiro, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5816/1} (Makes persons convicted of petty misdemeanors eligible to have their records expunged one year after imposition of their sentence.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8275](#)

BY Felix, Potter, Cruz, Batista, Sanchez, Kazarian, Kislak, Stewart, Alzate, Handy ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTIVE CONFINEMENT OVERSIGHT ACT {LC5994/1} (Establishes the restrictive housing oversight committee ("committee") for the purpose of monitoring the use of restrictive housing ("solitary confinement"), as well as disciplinary and administrative confinement at the department of corrections.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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