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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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## PROPOSED SUB A HAS BEEN ADDED FOR H-7026

### NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Thursday, April 2, 2026

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** Room 101 - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7003](#)**

**BY McNamara, Shekarchi, Ackerman, Casey, Solomon, Morales, Paplauskas, Hopkins, Fascia, Boylan**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC3202/1} (Directs the state department of education to establish an anti-hazing policy in student athletics.)

01/07/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

02/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/23/2026 Meeting postponed

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

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

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7026](#)**

**BY Read, Noret, Phillips, Donovan, Spears, Cotter, Paplauskas, Boylan, McNamara, Casimiro**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE NATHAN BRUNO AND JASON FLATT ACT {LC3427/1} (Directs middle and high schools which issue student identification cards to include on those cards contact crisis telephone numbers for suicide prevention and substance use disorder prevention.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/27/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7027](#)**

**BY Noret, Read, McNamara, O'Brien, Biah, Finkelman, Serpa, Donovan, Messier, Phillips**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC3169/1} (Expands the requirement that all high schools and middle schools, whether they are publicly or privately run to maintain on site a functional AED while establishing and implementing a cardiac emergency response plan in these schools.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

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01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
01/27/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
03/27/2026 Scheduled for 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.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education  
03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
03/17/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE**

**House Bill No. [7026 SUB A](#)**  
{LC3427/A/1}

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [7893](#)**

**BY Morales, Sanchez, Giraldo, Cruz, Potter, Cotter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- OFFENSES PERTAINING TO SCHOOLS {LC5666/1}** (Bans preferential treatment to a public or private university applicant because of the student's familial relationship to a previous university attendee.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education  
03/27/2026 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  
03/16/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor  
03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7907](#)**

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

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION {LC5678/1} (Expands council on elementary and secondary education and board of education and makes teacher of year and student advisory chair voting members on each.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

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

**House Bill No. [8130](#)**

**BY Giraldo, Alzate, Morales**

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

PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT {LC5704/1} (Allows municipalities participating in the state prekindergarten program to accept students from outside the municipality under certain conditions and establishes a lottery for enrollment in the program.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

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

**House Resolution No. [8244](#)**

**BY Biah, Chippendale, McNamara, Solomon, Hull, Read, Donovan, Boylan, Speakman, Hopkins**

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DISPARATE IMPACT OF DISCIPLINARY POLICIES ON STUDENTS {LC5953/1} (Creates an 12-member commission to study the impact on family and school performance in relation to current disciplinary policies in public schools, and would report back by November 17, 2027, and would expire on February 17, 2028.)

03/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

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

**House Resolution No. [8266](#)**

**BY Diaz, Slater, Batista, Giraldo, Stewart, Alzate, Hull, J. Lombardi, Furtado, Edwards**

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY EXPANDING PATHWAYS INTO THE TEACHING PROFESSION {LC6095/1} (Creates a special legislative commission of 17 members whose purpose would be to study evaluate and make recommendations regarding educator preparation, licensure, certification and early-career support systems in the state.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

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

**House Bill No. [8326](#)**

**BY Biah, Read, Speakman, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Potter, Cruz, McNamara, J. Lombardi, Hull**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS {LC6134/1} (Provides that any schools days a public school is closed due to a declared state of emergency be deemed excused for purposes of compliance with minimum school days calendar requirements.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

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

**House Resolution No. [8345](#)**

**BY Caldwell, Cotter, Spears**

**ENTITLED,** HOUSE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE USE OF THIRD-PARTY DIGITAL PLATFORMS WITHIN PUBLIC EDUCATION {LC5716/1} (Creates a special legislative commission to study the use of third-party digital platforms in public education and report its findings and recommendations to the general assembly no later than April 23, 2027, and said commission expires on May 28, 2027.)

03/25/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

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

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