
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, INTERNET, & TECHNOLOGY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2026
TIME: 4:00 PM
PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7032](#)

BY Speakman, Ajello, Kislak, Donovan, Cotter, Casimiro, Felix, Batista, McGaw, Potter ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY {LC3565/1} (Prohibits an educational institution or school district from accessing or using location data for tracking a student's institutional device or personal device, except in limited circumstances.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

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

03/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/03/2026 Scheduled for consideration

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House Bill No. [7119](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT {LC3770/1} (Requires DOA provide inventory of all state agencies using artificial intelligence (AI); establishes a 13 member permanent commission to monitor the use of AI in state government and makes recommendations for state government policy and other decisions.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7350](#)

BY Spears, Carson, Messier, Speakman, Shanley, McEntee, Baginski, Kazarian, Cotter, Donovan ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMPANION MODELS {LC4590/1} (Creates additional safety features for AI companion technology that include addressing suicidal ideation, potential physical harm or financial harm to others expressed by a user. It also requires notification the AI companion does not have human emotions.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7543](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTERNET ACCESS AND ADVERTISING BY FACSIMILE {LC4085/1}

(Requires that video or photography generated by artificial intelligence or “AI” that is posted on a public platform contain a marking disclosing that it has been generated by AI.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7544](#)

BY Casimiro, J. Brien, Hopkins, Furtado, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE

PURCHASES {LC4771/1} (Prohibits state agencies from entering into software contracts that limit the agency's ability to install or run the software of the agency's choosing on their hardware.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

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

03/03/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7632](#)

BY Cotter, Spears, Chippendale, Caldwell, Speakman, Carson, McNamara, McGaw, Read, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- AGE-APPROPRIATE DESIGN CODE {LC5126/1} (Requires that any covered

entity that develops/provides online services, products, or features that children are reasonably likely to access shall consider the best interest of children when designing/developing such online service, product, or feature.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7746](#)

BY Caldwell, Cotter, Spears, Speakman, Shanley, Giraldo, Roberts, Read, Slater, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN’S ONLINE SAFETY ACT {LC3734/1}

(Provides protections to children using online platforms by requiring platforms to turn off open chats by default for young users, and requires parent to approve children's financial transactions on gaming and social media sites.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7953](#)

BY Spears, Boylan, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Casimiro, McEntee, Potter, McNamara, Read, McGaw

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND SOCIAL MEDIA REGULATION ACT {LC5048/1} (Creates

the Rhode Island Social Media Regulation act, which would not permit a Rhode Island resident who is a minor to be an account holder on a social media's platform.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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