
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2077](#)

BY DiMario, Lawson, Gallo, Valverde, Murray, Zurier, McKenney, Lauria, Pearson, Quezada ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION {LC3641/1} (Expands council on elementary and secondary education and board of education and makes teacher of year and student advisory chair voting members on each.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2208](#)

BY Bell, Mack, Ciccone, Quezada, Bissaillon, Kallman, Famiglietti, Zurier ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COOPERATIVE SERVICE AMONG SCHOOL DISTRICTS {LC4445/1} (Amends the composition of the urban collaborative in Providence and provides that it is governed by a board of trustees.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2216](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers, Dimitri, Patalano, Raptakis, Appollonio ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL EMPLOYEE BACKGROUND CHECKS {LC4052/1} (Provides for a comprehensive criminal and employment background check procedure for all school employees.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2526](#)

BY Bell, Bissaillon, Mack, Famiglietti, Kallman, Gallo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC4243/1} (Nullifies the department of elementary and secondary education recommendation that the turnaround plan for Providence public schools be continued.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2649](#)

BY Famiglietti, Dimitri, Tikoian, Appollonio, Thompson, Patalano, Burke, Britto, Vargas, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES {LC5509/1} (Ensures any public school with available seats, after completion of the initial enrollment period for students, shall make all open seats available to other students residing within the same school district.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [2786](#)

BY Valverde, Lauria, Acosta, McKenney, Euer, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY {LC5365/1} (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.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Resolution No. [2789](#)

BY DiPalma, Valverde, Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo, Urso

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE TEACHER HEALTHCARE PLAN {LC5530/1} (Creates an 11-member commission to study and make recommendations on a statewide teacher healthcare plan, and would report quarterly as of September 1, 2026, and submit a final report by September 1, 2027, and expires on December 31, 2027.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Resolution No. [3009](#)

BY Acosta, Felag, DiPalma, Quezada, Gu, E Morgan, Ujifusa, DiMario, McKenney, Zurier

ENTITLED, SENATE RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY SHARED SERVICES AND THE POTENTIAL FOR REGIONALIZATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5709/1} (Creates a 9 member commission to study shared services and the potential for regionalization of school districts, and who would report back to the Senate by April 15, 2027, and whose life would expire once its report is issued.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

Senate Bill No. [3010](#)

BY Valverde, DiPalma, DiMario, Mack, Zurier, McKenney, Murray, Lauria, Thompson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC5533/1} (Requires the names of any non-teacher school employee who is terminated for good and just cause, to be furnished to the department of education.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 8, 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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