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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026

**TIME:** 4:00 PM

**PLACE:** Room 313 - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Reappointment of David Kim to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

Reappointment of Amy Leidtke to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

Appointment of Kara Kunst VICE Suzanne Augenstein to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

Appointment of Maggie Anderson VICE Marisa Angell Brown to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

Appointment of Michael Rose VICE Dominique Alfandre to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2029.

Appointment of André Herrera-Quinonez VICE Jennifer Fonseca to the Rhode Island State Council of the Arts for a term expiring March 1, 2028.

### SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2209](#)

**BY Dimitri, Patalano, Famiglietti, Thompson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, Appollonio, de la Cruz, Rogers**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC3726/1} (Strengthens school security measures/established 8 member school emergency response committee/rapid response teams/SWAT teams/requires annual appropriation of \$1,000,000 to achieve these goals.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

03/27/2026 Meeting postponed

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2212](#)**

**BY Acosta, Mack, Bissailon, Valverde, Zurier, DiPalma, Gallo, McKenney**

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

{LC3820/1} (Extends teacher certifications without fee or penalty for three (3) or five (5) years for teachers who hold certifications as of July 1, 2026.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2214](#)**

**BY Quezada, Thompson, Valverde, Pearson, DiMario, Lauria, Zurier, Vargas, Mack, Euer**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

{LC3988/1} (Requires transition planning for high school students with disabilities, who have a “504” plan, like the transition planning required for high school students with disabilities, who have an individualized education program (IEP).)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

03/27/2026 Meeting postponed

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2215](#)**

**BY Quezada, Thompson, Bell, Pearson, DiMario, Lauria, Zurier, Vargas, Mack, Euer**

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

SUPERINTENDENTS {LC3986/1} (Authorizes the school administration to issue an out-of-school suspension to students if they are a threat to the safety of others.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

03/27/2026 Meeting postponed

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2349](#)**

**BY DiMario, Gallo, DiPalma, McKenney, Murray, Bissailon, Pearson, Vargas, Ujifusa, Mack**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HIGHER EDUCATION**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ACT {LC4514/1} (Establishes the Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Disabilities Act.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

03/27/2026 Meeting postponed

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

## **TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 15, 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.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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