
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

H-8004 AND IT'S PROPOSED SUB A HAS BEEN POSTPONED AND WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 16, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: House Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7145](#)

BY Fellela, Messier, Caldwell, Craven, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- WEAPONS {LC3365/1}

(Amends the heading of § 11-47-60.1 to include the words "Dillon's Law.")

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/24/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7644](#)

BY Felix, Batista, Knight, McEntee, Dawson, Ajello, Noret, Cruz, Place, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- FEES {LC5055/1} (Increases the fees charged for filings and writs of execution in the district court, superior court and family court.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

02/26/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7654](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE {LC5019/1} (Allows for sending of the notice under power of sale and rights of active military servicemembers by USPS First Class Mail and/or an overnight delivery service, instead of by USPS certified mail return receipt requested.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

02/26/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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03/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8004](#)

~~BY Craven~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RHODE ISLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT {LC5900/1} (Provides technical amendments relating to comprehensive planning and land use, subdivision of land, zoning ordinances and moderate-income housing.)~~

~~02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary~~

~~03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

~~03/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study~~

~~04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration~~

House Bill No. [8087](#)

(Dept. of Public Safety)

BY Hull, Noret, Fascia, Bennett, Biah, Corvese, Azzinaro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEARCH WARRANTS {LC5041/1} (Dictates the length a search warrant involving a tracking device would be valid and provide a process to extend the time frame of the tracking device for good cause.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/24/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8103](#)

BY Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE AND SALE {LC5799/1} (Increases the time that mortgage foreclosure notices are required to be provided to active military service members, from nine (9) months to one year, after completion of their active duty.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/10/2026 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. ~~8004-SUB-A~~

~~{LC5900/A/1}~~

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7037](#)

BY Casimiro, Donovan, Spears, Knight, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Speakman, Roberts, Hopkins, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3268/1} (Prohibits handcuffing children twelve (12) or under at initial police contact unless needed for public safety or if the child is using or threatening physical force against an officer.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7132](#)

BY Casimiro, Shallcross Smith, Kislak, Speakman, Alzate, Stewart, Craven, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HOMICIDE {LC3664/1}

(Prohibits the imposition of a sentence of life without parole upon any person twenty-one (21) years of age or younger.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7195](#)

BY Kislak, McEntee, Potter, Cruz, Stewart, Caldwell, Craven, Giraldo, Ajello

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN --

PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3568/1} (Prohibits any questioning of a juvenile who is suspected of delinquent or criminal behavior, unless the parent or guardian of the juvenile is present, or unless an attorney is present or the juvenile and their parents have waived their presence.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7431](#)

BY Casimiro, McEntee, Alzate, Read, Fellela, DeSimone, Cotter, Craven

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE

GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC4480/1} (Creates "Harter's Law" to extend the civil statute of limitations, for injuries resulting from first degree child abuse, to thirty-five (35) years and cap civil damages recovery at five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7757](#)

BY Caldwell, McEntee, Dawson, Batista, Casimiro, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS --

FAMILY COURT {LC4846/1} (Gives statewide juvenile hearing boards the authority to refer a juvenile offender to a rehabilitative driving course, as part of a disposition of an offense before the board. The order may be enforced by the traffic tribunal.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [7818](#)

BY Stewart, Cruz, Giraldo, Kislak, Potter, Tanzi, Handy, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC5163/1} (Prohibits family court from detaining or committing any youth, 12 years or younger, to training school, for any offense other than murder, first degree sexual assault, or an attempt to commit such offenses there is no other reasonable placement.)

02/26/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [8056](#)

BY Solomon, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN {LC3356/1} (Requires courts and bail commissioners to issue no contact orders against any person arrested for cruelty or neglect of a child, child abuse or child endangerment and to issue orders upon any finding of guilty. Violations of order would be a misdemeanor.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [8061](#)

(DCYF)

BY Noret, Hull, Read, Fascia, J. Brien, Corvese, Hopkins

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- JAILS AND PRISONS {LC5363/1} (Prohibits individuals from conveying items to or from the training school for youth without prior consent by the executive director of the division of youth development at the department of children, youth and families.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [8062](#)

BY Dawson, Read

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- HAZING {LC5603/1} (Enlarges definitions of prohibited acts that constitute hazing, make principals, coaches, athletic directors and others responsible for knowingly failing to take reasonable measures to prevent hazing and punishes serious injury.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [8089](#)

BY Stewart, Casimiro, Ajello, Cruz, Potter, Kislak, Handy, Morales, Alzate, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC5184/1} (Permits the family court to retain jurisdiction over juveniles and allow the family court to order juveniles detained in the training school until the age of twenty-one if the court finds that it is in the best interest of the child.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [8090](#)

BY Cruz, Handy, Ajello, Potter, Kislak, Stewart, Batista, Cotter, Morales, Giraldo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3751/1} (Prohibits a peace officer, as defined in § 12-7-21, from employing threats, physical harm, deprivation, deception, coercion, or psychologically manipulative interrogation tactics during the custodial interrogation of a juvenile.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [8091](#)

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Caldwell, McEntee, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF YOUTH CAMPS {LC5322/1} (Aligns the implementation date of youth camp licensing within the operational, and statutory framework of the Rhode Island department of human services and department of children, youth and families.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [8092](#)

(DCYF)

BY Caldwell, McEntee, Spears, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN {LC5361/1} (Adds staff of day camps and residential camps for youth to the definition of "person responsible for a child's welfare" within the chapter on abused and neglected children.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [8099](#)

BY Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- STATE IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR MINORS WITHOUT RESIDENCE ACT {LC5585/1} (Allows a minor between the ages of 14 -17 without a permanent residence/in custody of the DCYF to get state identification card without a signature from parent, guardian or foster parent as well as a certified copy of minor's birth certificate at no cost.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

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

House Bill No. [8114](#)

BY Hopkins, Casimiro, Casey, Cotter, McGaw, Place, Fascia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES {LC4877/1} (Requires the DCYF director to disclose to the school nurse where a child is enrolled, when that child has been placed in foster care.)

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TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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