
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**H-7239 & H-8429 HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION
H-7460 HAS BEEN POSTPONED AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPONSOR**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 28, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Resolution No. [7011](#)

BY McNamara, Handy, Fascia

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE RHODE ISLAND AUDITORY ORAL PROGRAM {LC3149/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$1,167,100 to the Rhode Island Auditory Oral Program, to support it's mission.)

01/07/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7163](#)

BY Donovan, O'Brien, Casimiro, Boylan, Speakman, Messier, Furtado, Cortvriend, Kislak, Potter

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT {LC4210/1} (Prohibits participation in federal school voucher tax credit for contributions to scholarship-granting organizations unless both the general assembly and the governor approve such participation.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [7164](#)

BY Finkelman, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$991,000 FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN {LC4077/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$991,000 for the town of Middletown to upgrade the gymnasium at the new Middletown middle high school to serve a regional emergency shelter.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7245](#)

BY Donovan, Speakman, Potter, Cotter, Spears, Kislak, Fogarty, Casimiro, Boylan, Caldwell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC3572/1} (Amends State funding calculations for special education, revising extraordinary cost calculations for FY 2028-2029, and providing additional funds for excess costs when special education students move into a district after the budget is approved.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7317](#)

BY Donovan, Diaz, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Potter, Fogarty, Speakman, Cotter, Kazarian, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND EARLY EDUCATOR WORKFORCE ACT {LC4280/1} (Directs the manage existing workforce development and compensation programs for the early educators workforce.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7318](#)

BY Cotter, Chippendale, Kennedy, Santucci, Speakman, Donovan, Spears, Casimiro, Knight

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4367/1} (Increases the state's regionalization bonus to six percent (6.0%) of the state's fiscal year share of foundation education aid. This bonus would be ongoing and continuing so long as the district remains a regional school district.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7388](#)

BY Cortvriend, Finkelman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE PAUL W. CROWLEY RHODE ISLAND STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE {LC3196/1} (Establishes a new high-cost special education fund to pool resources and generates income to support excess costs associated with providing services to special education students.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7454](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, O'Brien, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4617/1} (Provides that a student's enrollment in Medicaid would be included in calculating and determining the student success factor for use in the foundation education-aid formula.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7455](#)

BY Furtado, Messier, Kislak, Shallcross Smith, Read, Cortvriend, Casimiro, Donovan, O'Brien, Stewart

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4167/1} (Mandates additional state education funding for the mental and behavioral health of students equal to 2% of the district's total expenditures, and require those funds be used to hire staff such as school social workers, and behavioral specialists.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7456](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Furtado, Diaz, Fellela, Serpa, Tanzi, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4653/1} (Mandates public schools (K-12) have one full-time certified social worker for every 250 students and allocates \$2 million in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget for school districts and municipalities to hire additional social workers.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7460](#)

BY ~~Paplauskas, McNamara, Nardone, Fascia, Place, Newberry, Read, Chippendale, Roberts, J. Brien~~

~~**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS {LC3605/1} (Provides local agencies with a mechanism to opt-out of statewide transportation upon a showing of a cost-effective alternative to the current fee-for-service model.)~~

~~01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance~~

~~04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

House Bill No. [7501](#)

BY Shallcross Smith, Fogarty, Slater, Bennett, Azzinaro, DeSimone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME {LC4660/1} (Provides \$100,000 to support the mental health and emotional well-being of children in OST settings.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7581](#)

BY Speakman, Ajello, McNamara, Biah, Messier, Stewart, Spears, Phillips, Donovan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4784/1} (Establishes a new categorical funding category for civics education.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7582](#)

BY Cotter, Read, Chippendale, Casimiro, Fogarty, Donovan, Shallcross Smith, Potter, Furtado, Noret

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC4775/1} (Requires inspections and evaluations of the indoor air quality of each school building, including heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7680](#)

BY Donovan, Speakman, Biah, Diaz, Kislak, Giraldo, Stewart, Fogarty, Boylan, Carson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4813/1} (Specifies that pre-k programs for three (3) – and four (4) – years olds be added to programs to increase access to voluntary, free, high-quality pre-kindergarten programs.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7681](#)

BY Cotter, Spears, Chippendale, Speakman, McGaw, Kennedy, Kazarian, Roberts, Tanzi ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5135/1} (Ensures that transportation categorical funds between the state and regional school districts would be fully funded.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7682](#)

BY Cotter, Chippendale, Spears, Speakman, McGaw, Read, Kennedy, Kazarian, Roberts ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS {LC5132/1} (Allows an individual school district that can utilize its own buses or vendors at a lower cost than the statewide system, to obtain reimbursement for these costs from state funds.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7793](#)

BY Caldwell, McEntee, Batista, Potter, Spears, Casimiro, Kazarian, Boylan, Kislak, Speakman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID {LC4850/1} (Establishes a statewide "healthy school meals for all" universal school breakfast and lunch program in Rhode Island public schools phased in over 3 years.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8157](#)

BY Caldwell, Knight, Boylan, Shanley

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5710/1} (Amends the determination of the state's share statute by amending the calculation for the poverty loss stabilization fund.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8159](#)

BY Casey, Phillips, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5767/1} (Provides that in local education agencies when over 45% of the children have a family income that is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines, then the student success factor will be 50% by the core instruction per-pupil amount.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8160](#)

BY Casey, Phillips, J. Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5768/1} (Removes funding requirement from department of elementary and secondary education.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8163](#)

BY McNamara, Cotter, Solomon, Potter, Carson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT {LC5823/1} (Establishes guidelines, rules and regulations for the implementation and expansion of prekindergarten education programs for children ages 3-4 to increase children's school readiness statewide.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8204](#)

BY Messier, Alzate

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STATE TO ENTER INTO A FINANCING AGREEMENT RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET TO FINANCE RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS TO SAMUEL SLATER MIDDLE SCHOOL FACILITIES, OR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SCHOOL FACILITIES AND ALL EXPENSES INCIDENT THERETO INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COSTS OF DESIGN, DEMOLITION, ATHLETIC FIELDS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$22,500,000 CITY BONDS, CITY NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR {LC5667/1} (Authorizes bonds to finance school construction in the city of Pawtucket.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8269](#)

BY Kazarian, Casimiro

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE EDUCATION COMMISSION {LC5359/1} (Annually allocate thirty thousand dollars to the Rhode Island Holocaust and Genocide Education commission.)

03/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8300](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, Voas

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES IN THE CITY BY THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$25,000,000 BONDS, NOTES AND/OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR {LC5904/1} (Authorizes the City of Central Falls to issue bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding \$25,000,000 to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the city.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8351](#)

BY McNamara, Cortvriend, Ackerman, Tanzi, Kislak, Ajello, Furtado, J. Brien, Sanchez, Phillips

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND EDUCATION FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT {LC6182/1} (Establishes the Rhode Island education funding and accountability act, which would include a totally revised and revamped formula for funding all levels of public education in Rhode Island.)

03/25/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Resolution No. [8476](#)

BY Cotter

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF STATE EDUCATION AID TO THE TOWN OF RICHMOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$331,064 {LC6354/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$331,064 to the Town of Richmond, for education aid.)

04/17/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [8429](#)

BY Giraldo, Shekarchi, Voas, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS {LC6323/1} (Establishes stabilization fund for Central Falls and for Davies and Met schools for student education funding.)

04/10/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

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04/10/2026 Committee transferred to House Finance

04/25/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

House Bill No. [7239](#)

(City of Providence)

BY Kislak, Slater, Diaz, Biah, DeSimone, J. Lombardi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- CITY OF PROVIDENCE: TRANSFER OF PORTION OF STATE INCOME TAXES OF NEW EMPLOYEES OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS {LC4260/1}

(Provides that a portion of state income taxes from employees working at not-for-profit healthcare institutions, health service institutions, and educational institutions be allocated to the city of Providence.)

01/21/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/25/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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