
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 30, 2026
TIME: Rise of the House
PLACE: Room 35 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7052](#)

BY Azzinaro, Kennedy, Phillips, Corvese

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP {LC3380/1} (Makes students in workforce-ready certificate programs at the community college of Rhode Island eligible to receive the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7158](#)

BY Hull, J. Lombardi, Speakman, Tanzi, Fogarty, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Alzate, Ackerman, McNamara

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES -- INSURANCE BENEFITS {LC4182/1} (Provides that adjunct faculty members at any state college or university who teach at least 50% of the hours regularly worked by full-time faculty in a semester would be eligible for the same medical benefits as other state employees.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7457](#)

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

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM {LC4650/1} (Creates the Rhode Island Student Loan repayment program which would allow eligible individuals who have unpaid student loans, provided said individuals meet specified criteria.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7458](#)

BY Giraldo, Alzate, O'Brien, Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- POSTSECONDARY TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR SHORTAGE TEACHING FIELDS {LC4614/1} (Creates a postsecondary tuition assistance for shortage teaching fields.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7503](#)

BY Fogarty, Carson, McGaw, Boylan, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Edwards, Donovan, Tanzi, Kazarian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM {LC4402/1} (Establishes the medical primary care scholarship program to be administered by the commissioner of postsecondary education.)

02/04/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7588](#)

BY Fogarty, Carson, Kazarian, Handy, Hull, Donovan, Voas, Tanzi, Speakman, Alzate

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THUNDERMIST FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM {LC4405/1} (Appropriates the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to fund the Thundermist family medicine residency program during fiscal year 2027 and every fiscal year thereafter.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7686](#)

BY Fogarty, Handy, Knight, Cortvriend, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Donovan, Spears, McGaw, Boylan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PRIMARY CARE TRAINING SITES PROGRAM {LC5250/1} (Appropriates two million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) to fund the primary care training sites program to provide training for physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants within the department of health.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [7795](#)

BY Fogarty, Donovan, McEntee, Shanley, Handy, Shallcross Smith, Kazarian, Carson, McGaw, Speakman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE {LC5177/1} (Provides that services provided by graduate student interns who work under a supervisory protocol would be eligible to be paid from Medicaid reimbursement.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Resolution No. [7811](#)

BY Biah, O'Brien, Phillips, Slater, Furtado, Alzate, Stewart, McNamara, Boylan, Speakman

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO ONWARD WE LEARN IN SUPPORT OF RHODE ISLAND GEAR UP {LC5191/1}

(Appropriates the sum of \$500,000 to Onward We Learn in support of Rhode Island GEAR UP.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8161](#)

BY Cortvriend, Spears, Donovan, Handy, Carson, Boylan, Kislak

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ACT {LC4423/1} (Establishes the Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Disabilities Act.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8164](#)

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, Spears, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5600/1} (Enhances and further defines the role of the board of trustees of the University of Rhode Island. This act would also provide a more efficient procurement process for the university.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8165](#)

BY Fogarty, Tanzi, Spears, McEntee

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5601/1} (Provides the board of trustees with tort claim protections and calls upon the board to undertake a feasibility study related to operations of the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center and the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8167](#)

BY Cortvriend, Boylan, Kazarian, Handy

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL FUNDS AND PROPERTY {LC3188/1} (Directs the department of education to develop and adopt regulations for energy capable school buildings.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8313](#)

(by request)

BY Abney, Carson, Cortvriend

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM -- 2026 BOND REFERENDA {LC6135/1} (Submits the state's 2026 capital development program requesting the issuance of general obligation bonds totaling \$217,000,000 for approval of the electorate at the general election to be held in November 2026.)

03/18/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8336](#)

BY McNamara, Alzate, Hull, Shanley, O'Brien, Phillips, Bennett, Batista, Azzinaro, Noret ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND HOPE

SCHOLARSHIP PILOT PROGRAM ACT {LC6076/1} (Converts the Rhode Island Hope Scholarship Pilot Program Act into a continuing scholarship program at Rhode Island College, similar to the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship at the Community College of Rhode Island.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Resolution No. [8355](#)

BY Slater, Potter

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF THE POSTSECONDARY COMMISSIONER FOR THE RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION {LC6200/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$300,000 to the Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner for the Rhode Island School for Progressive Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.)

03/25/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

House Bill No. [8389](#)

BY Fogarty, Carson, Tanzi, Caldwell, McEntee, Lima, Hull, McGaw, Spears, Dawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND {LC6231/1}

(Establishes the framework to create a medical school at the University of Rhode Island and provides an initial appropriation of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) as the first phase of a multi-year investment for the development of a medical school.)

04/01/2026 Introduced, referred to House Finance

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

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