
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 30, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2616](#)

BY McKenney, DiMario, Britto, Murray, Vargas, Urso, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC3649/1} (Amends what is considered sexual abuse for purposes of limitations on actions based on sexual abuse or exploitation of a child and would amend the provisions for when a cause of action may be brought.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2399](#)

BY Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY {LC3416/1} (Decriminalizes certain commercial sexual activity. It would also include human trafficking as a racketeering activity and would allow expungements of certain convictions in § 11-34.1 after one year.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2595](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- CHILDREN {LC3340/1} (Prohibits the distribution, transfer, or possession of any material that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and is obscene and lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2597](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL ASSAULT {LC3339/1} (Increases minimum sentence for first degree sexual assault and provides first 10 years of a sentence for first degree sexual assault not be subject to a suspension or deferment of sentence.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3134](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Raptakis, Burke, McKenney, Dimitri, Quezada, LaMountain, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION {LC5643/1} (Provides that violations of § 11-37.1-10 relating to failing to register as a sex offender are subject to the duration and frequency of registrations pursuant to § 11-37.1-4.)

03/20/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2297](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS {LC3346/1} (Provides for a 10 year statute of limitations for the violation of second degree sexual assault.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3105](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INDICTMENTS, INFORMATIONS AND COMPLAINTS {LC5644/1} (Provides that the statute of limitations for second-degree sexual assault shall be 10 years from the date of the offense, or, in the case of a victim who is under the age of 18, ten years from the victim's eighteenth birthday, whichever is later.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2945](#)

(DCYF)

BY Tikoian, Ciccone, LaMountain, McKenney, Burke, Raptakis, Bissaillon, Dimitri, Patalano, Vargas

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN {LC5362/1} (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.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2157](#)

BY Bell, Ciccone, Urso, Bissaillon, Murray, Thompson, Gu, Ujifusa, Quezada, Valverde

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- LAW ENFORCEMENT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT {LC3515/1} (Makes sexual contact or penetration between any law enforcement officer that is on duty and a person that is a detainee, arrestee, in custody or a suspect a felony.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2603](#)

BY McKenney, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION {LC4851/1} (Grants an affirmative defense for certain privileged communications, including communications made by an individual, without malice, regarding an incident of sexual assault, harassment, or discrimination.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3106](#)

(Attorney General)

BY Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN {LC5642/1} (Expands the definition of "educational program" for purposes of the abused and neglected children general law to include charter schools, parochial schools, after school programs, camps and various other programs involving children.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2126](#)

BY DiMario, Lawson, Valverde, Murray, Zurier, Lauria, Acosta, Vargas, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- THE RHODE ISLAND WORKS PROGRAM {LC3643/1} (Removes the requirement that families consent to, and cooperate with the department of human services in establishing paternity and enforcing child and medical support orders as a condition of eligibility for child care assistance.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2315](#)

BY Raptakis, Valverde, Murray, Gu, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS -- DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND HOSPITALS {LC3465/1} (Expands the deinstitutionalization subsidy aid program in the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals to include adoptive parent(s) or siblings(s).)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2392](#)

BY Britto, DiMario, DiPalma, Gu, McKenney, Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Zurier, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- SCHOOL BUS SAFETY ENFORCEMENT {LC4470/1} (Allows parents or guardians to have access to GPS data of the bus or other motor vehicle used to transport students to and from school.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2495](#)

BY LaMountain, McKenney, Felag, Burke, Gallo, Tikoian, DiPalma, Murray, Appollonio ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC4829/1} (Directs the state department of education to establish an anti-hazing policy in student athletics.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2596](#)

BY Thompson, Burke, Pearson, Patalano, Raptakis, Dimitri, DiMario, LaMountain, Tikoian, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- ADOPTION OF CHILDREN {LC4241/1} (Establishes the rights of adoptive/foster children or those in guardianship, to have post-separation visitation with their sibling(s).)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2721](#)

BY DiMario, Lauria, Gallo, Vargas, Valverde, Britto, Acosta, Murray, Kallman ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- CHILD-SERVING PROVIDER LIABILITY JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION {LC5849/1} (Creates the child-serving provider liability joint underwriting association to provide a joint underwriting association to provide liability insurance coverage for eligible child serving providers.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2960](#)

BY Thompson, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- CERTIFICATION OF CHILDCARE AND YOUTH-SERVING WORKERS AND OPERATORS {LC5589/1} (Eliminates fingerprinting fees for licensed childcare hires, require background checks for youth activity instructors, and allow active TS/SCI clearance to satisfy criminal background check requirements.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2976](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CHILD ADVOCATE OFFICE {LC5351/1} (Requires state agency cited in reports of the child fatality review panel to provide child advocate, speaker, senate president and governor with written response within 180 days addressing implementation of report recommendations.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 30, 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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TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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