
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

PROPOSED SUB A HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR H-7114 & H-7617

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

TIME: Rise of the House

PLACE: Room 135 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7114](#)

BY Ackerman, Shekarchi, McNamara, Boylan, Finkelman, Kazarian, Kennedy, Donovan, J. Brien, Newberry

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC3216/1} (Permits special community service to be imposed because of bullying based on religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or ethnicity.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/10/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/15/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7115](#)

BY McNamara, Donovan, Ackerman, Casimiro, Bennett, Casey, Noret, Read, Paplauskas, Fascia

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC3590/1} (Mandates the use of a soft-shell helmet cover device that adds a padded, soft-shell layer to the outside of a traditional football helmet, for students participating in Rhode Island interscholastic league football)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/10/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/15/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7617](#)

BY Donovan, Cotter, Boylan, Speakman, Fogarty, Biah, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC4770/1} (Provides that where the administration, use, or maintenance of epinephrine within schools and on buses is authorized, this use would include epinephrine auto-injectors and epinephrine nasal sprays)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

03/13/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/17/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/15/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [8129](#)

BY Caldwell, Furtado, DeSimone, O'Brien, Speakman, Donovan, Kislak, Spears, Read ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID {LC5567/1} (Ends transaction fees for school lunches in all districts. This act requires at least one no-fee payment method for school lunches and a full disclosure whether fees will be charged by a payment platform.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

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

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

05/15/2026 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

House Bill No. [7114 SUB A](#)

{LC3216/A/1}

House Bill No. [7617 SUB A](#)

{LC4770/A/1}

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [8531](#)

BY O'Brien, Dawson, Shanley, Noret, Serpa, Fellela, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Corvese, Solomon ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE {LC6240/1} (Authorizes school committees to deny or defer approval of a homeschooling proposed plan in certain circumstances.)

05/08/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

05/15/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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