
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2046](#)

BY Acosta, Gallo, Mack, DiMario, Quezada, Valverde, Vargas, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3814/1} (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.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2125](#)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, Ciccone, McKenney, Kallman, Famiglietti

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3840/1} (Removes the mandatory certification for an individual 16 years or older who was found delinquent for having committed 2 offenses after the age of 16 which would render the person subject to an indictment if the person was an adult.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2137](#)

BY Bissaillon, Acosta, Vargas, Bell, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3362/1} (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.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2158](#)

BY Kallman, DiMario, Ciccone, Gu, Euer, Vargas, Urso, Lawson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3848/1} (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.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2613](#)

BY Acosta, DiMario, LaMountain, Bissailon, Mack, Kallman, McKenney, Gallo, Murray, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC4848/1} (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.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2730](#)

BY Bissailon, Acosta, Mack

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC5833/1} (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 Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2941](#)

BY Vargas, Kallman, Lauria, Mack, Bissailon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- RESTRAINT OF JUVENILES {LC5319/1} (Limits use of restraints on juveniles in transport and court proceedings to safety or escape risks, requires least restrictive methods, and mandates reporting on when and why restraints were used.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2982](#)

BY Valverde, Dimitri, Lauria, Acosta, LaMountain, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- FAMILY COURT {LC5482/1} (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.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3038](#)

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Appollonio, Urso, Burke, de la Cruz, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDERS {LC5946/1} (Requires a court considering evidence for the issuance of a temporary emergency protective order to cause the respondent to be taken into protective custody by law enforcement and sent to an emergency room of any hospital, pursuant to § 40.1-5-7.1.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3217](#)

BY Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- DOMESTIC ABUSE PREVENTION {LC6303/1} (Permits the family court to award possession of household pets to the plaintiff in a domestic abuse complaint, including the enforcement remedy of a restraining order or other injunctive relief.)

04/14/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3294](#)

BY Felag, Lauria, Ujifusa, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC6465/1}

(Allows Joseph Couto to join Brandon Kemmy and Jacqueline Manousos in Marriage on or about August 2, 2026, within the Town of Tiverton, Rhode Island.)

05/15/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3295](#)

BY Ciccone, Burke, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS -- RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND

BRIDGE AUTHORITY {LC6460/1} (Provides that motor vehicle rental companies be entitled to establish non-liability for toll violations, administrative fees, and fines by providing a rental or lease agreement as prima facie evidence that a lessee was the vehicle operator.)

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TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, May 19, 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.

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