
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 19, 2026
TIME: Rise of the Senate
PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2674](#)

BY Bissaillon, Ciccone, Bell, Mack, Famiglietti, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND NOTES TO FUND THE PROVIDENCE HOUSING TRUST FUND TO FINANCE AFFORDABLE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE CITY {LC4832/1} (Authorizes the city of Providence to issue not more than \$25,000,000 in general obligation bonds and notes to fund the providence housing trust fund to finance affordable multi-family housing projects in the city.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/12/2026 Committee heard

05/15/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3087](#)

BY Acosta

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 {LC6069/1} (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 Senate Finance

05/08/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/12/2026 Committee heard

05/15/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [3151](#)

BY Bissaillon, Urso, DiPalma, Ciccone, Britto, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS 2013 {LC6212/1} (Increases historic tax credit to 30%, and up to 35%, depending on the amount of rental area available for multi-family housing, affordable rental units and units sold as affordable housing.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2025](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, Paolino, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC3292/1} (Prohibits total education aid paid to any local education agency from being reduced by more than one percent (1%) of the municipal education appropriation in the previous fiscal year.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Resolution No. [2030](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, E Morgan, Paolino, DiMario, Thompson, Patalano, Raptakis

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$30,000,000 TO RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS {LC3283/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to each public school in Rhode Island for school safety and security improvements.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2083](#)

BY Acosta, Lawson, Vargas, DiPalma, Mack, Quezada, Zurier, Gallo, Valverde, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID {LC3833/1}

(Establishes a statewide "Healthy School Meals for all" universal school breakfast and lunch program in Rhode Island public schools phased in over 3 years.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2093](#)

BY Gu, DiPalma, Murray, Gallo, Vargas, Felag, Valverde, Urso, Thompson, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PROMISE

SCHOLARSHIP {LC4032/1} (Makes students in workforce-ready certificate programs at the community college of Rhode Island eligible to receive the Rhode Island Promise Scholarship.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2094](#)

BY Gallo, Tikoian, Ciccone, Gu, DiPalma, Burke, LaMountain, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE ONWARD WE LEARN

SCHOLARSHIP ACT {LC3792/1} (Requires any remaining funds in the enacted budget from the RI promise scholarship program or the RI hope scholarship program, after Rhode Island college has satisfied all eligible scholarships to be reimbursed to onward we learn.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2101](#)

BY Lauria, DiMario, Murray, Valverde, Kallman, Ujifusa, Pearson, Zurier, Urso, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- THE MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM {LC3656/1} (Establishes the medical primary care scholarship program to be administered by the commissioner of postsecondary education.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2226](#)

BY Acosta, Vargas, Bissaillon, Valverde, DiMario, Zurier, DiPalma, Gallo, Felag, Murray ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC3830/1} (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.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2239](#)

BY E Morgan, Britto, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Urso, Euer, Paolino, Rogers, Dimitri, Famiglietti ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC3296/1} (Provides that a school district could elect and choose to not spend money on any mandate that is not fully funded through the state education aid formula.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2245](#)

BY Sosnowski, Pearson, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4220/1} (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.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2373](#)

BY Felag, de la Cruz, Rogers, E Morgan, Ujifusa, Lauria

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC4564/1} (Amends the Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act to set the regionalization bonus at 2% of the state's share of foundation education aid for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2026, and for each year thereafter.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2452](#)

BY DiMario, Acosta, Britto, Zurier, Mack, McKenney, Gallo, Valverde, Murray, Bell ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME {LC4834/1} (Provides \$100,000 to support the mental health and emotional well-being of children in OST settings.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2540](#)

BY E Morgan

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT PROGRAM {LC3320/1} (Establishes a new program where the per pupil funding, calculated annually by RIDE, would be transferred into a newly created educational funding account run by the children's scholarship fund to pay for educational expenses.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2548](#)

BY Ujifusa, Bell, Euer, Murray, Mack, Zurier, Acosta, McKenney, DiPalma, Felag ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC3485/1} (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.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2551](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5038/1} (Amends the current law on education to address unfunded mandates.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2555](#)

BY McKenney, Ciccone, Vargas, Tikoian, Britto, Gu, Murray, Acosta

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE SUPPORT AND ACCESS TO BILINGUAL EDUCATION ACT {LC4710/1} (Appropriates nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) to establish a bilingual education support fund within the department of elementary and secondary education and provides for implementation of support and access to bilingual education.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2556](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE BRIGHT TODAY SCHOLARSHIP AND OPEN ENROLLMENT EDUCATION ACT {LC3323/1} (Establishes a new educational program that allows students to enroll public and private schools of their choice.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2662](#)

BY DiMario, Lauria, Gallo, Valverde, Mack, Murray, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM {LC5859/1} (Allows Rhode Island employers can help pay employees' student loans in high-need fields if they work full-time for 2 years in undeserved areas and are in an income driven repayment plan. RISLA must provide annual reporting.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2663](#)

BY Vargas, Acosta, Mack, Appollonio, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID {LC5877/1} (Establishes a statewide "healthy school meals for all" universal school breakfast and lunch program in Rhode Island public schools phased in over 3 years.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2683](#)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5870/1} (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 Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2817](#)

BY de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- TAX CREDITS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATIONS {LC5394/1} (Includes individuals as contributors. Increases annual credit cap by percentage amount of unused credits. Increases the tax credit rate percentage. Establishes scholarships of \$750,000 to disadvantaged students and \$250,000 to pre-K students.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2819](#)

BY Murray, Thompson, Ciccone, Urso, Acosta, Pearson, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5699/1} (Removes funding requirement from department of elementary and secondary education.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2821](#)

BY Murray, Thompson, Ciccone, Urso, Acosta, Pearson, Gallo, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5559/1} (Requires a review by the department of elementary and secondary education of the formula components used to compute the aid needed to support high need students.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2826](#)

BY Murray, Thompson, Ciccone, Urso, Acosta, Pearson, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5556/1} (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.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2849](#)

BY Gu, DiPalma, Vargas, E Morgan, Zurier, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS BEYOND CITY AND TOWN LIMITS {LC5357/1} (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.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Resolution No. [3083](#)

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE RHODE ISLAND AUDITORY ORAL PROGRAM {LC5289/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$1,167,100, to the Rhode Island Auditory Oral Program, to support the program's mission to provide specialized auditory-oral programming for children with hearing loss.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Resolution No. [3216](#)

BY Gallo, DiPalma, Tikoian, Ciccone, LaMountain, Felag, Burke, Gu

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO ONWARD WE LEARN IN SUPPORT OF RHODE ISLAND GEAR UP {LC6326/1}

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

04/14/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [3276](#)

BY Thompson, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC6438/1} (Removes the fiscal year 2026 fourteen percent (14%) limitation for reduction to the local per-pupil funding for charter schools.)

05/11/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

Senate Bill No. [2827](#)

BY Mack, Sosnowski, DiPalma

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC4066/1} (Exempts certain urban and small farmers from sales taxes, real, tangible and personal property taxes and income taxes. This act would also define urban and small farmers and urban farmland.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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

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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