
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**PROPOSED SUB A HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR S-2280, S-2392, S-2734, & S-2715
THIS IS A REVISED AGENDA - BILLS ADDED FOR CONSIDERATION
S-2954 HAS BEEN ADDED, APPOINTMENT OF ALAN GOULART HAS BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 21, 2026

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Alan Goulart of North Kingstown as Clerk/Magistrate of the Rhode Island District Court for a ten-year term from the date of appointment.

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [3112](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Famiglietti

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC4581/1} (Requires the board of elections to establish a secure area for the public observation of mail ballot processing and require the mail ballot voter's signature be compared to the signature on file within the state central voter registration system.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/07/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3113](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY LaMountain, Dimitri, Burke, Felag, McKenney, Bissaillon

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLIES {LC4583/1} (Increases from seven (7) days to nine (9) days the period of time in which a request for a recount of the votes cast can be made to the board of elections. No certificates of election may be issued, until the recount if any is completed.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/07/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2151](#)

BY Urso, Appollonio, Tikoian, LaMountain, Patalano, Thompson, Bell, Gu, Euer, Dimitri ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- CRUELTY TO ANIMALS {LC3222/1} (Allows animal control officers in the cities and towns to lawfully take charge of and provide adequate care to any animal found abandoned or neglected or hazardously accumulated and includes them as agents authorized to enforce the provisions of this law.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/14/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2280](#)

BY Patalano, Dimitri, Thompson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo, Famiglietti, LaMountain, Burke, Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC4050/1} (Requires all schools and educational institutions to develop and implement a school safety plan that would provide for immediate access to school facilities by first responders in an emergency.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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

05/19/2026 Scheduled for 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

04/30/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2481](#)

BY Tikoian, Burke, LaMountain, Patalano, Thompson, Dimitri, Famiglietti, McKenney, Raptakis, Paolino

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRESPASS AND VANDALISM {LC3162/1} (Defines squatter as a person occupying a dwelling unit who is not authorized by the property owner, landlord or tenant to occupy the unit and provides remedies for property owner including police assistance to remove a squatter.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

05/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2599](#)

BY Bissailon, Ciccone, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- RAILROAD, STEAMBOAT, AND BRIDGE POLICE {LC4856/1} (Provides any police report involving a railroad fatality and all communications between railroad employees not be made public. Additionally, it makes a violation of this section a misdemeanor.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/02/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2602](#)

BY LaMountain, Bissailon, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT COURTS {LC4680/1} (Allows someone convicted of a previous felony or a private complaint to be eligible under § 12-10-12 for a misdemeanor filing.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2734](#)

BY Gu, Bissailon, DiMario, Euer, Burke, Murray, Kallman, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC4471/1} (Requires landlords who rent shoreline property to provide their tenants, before the start of the tenancy, with a detailed, written disclosure regarding their shoreline access rights.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/28/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2936](#)

(Judiciary)

BY Burke, LaMountain, Gallo, Patalano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- DISTRICT COURT {LC5281/1} (Moves North Kingstown from the third division of the district court to the fourth division to better balance case workloads among the divisions.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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

05/19/2026 Scheduled for 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

04/30/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2964](#)

BY Quezada, LaMountain, Vargas, Bissaillon, Mack, McKenney, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5679/1} (Makes persons convicted of petty misdemeanors and convicted of simple possession of controlled substances, eligible to have their records expunged three years after completion of their sentence.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3098](#)

BY LaMountain, Bissaillon, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Burke, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- ALCOHOL BOATING SAFETY ACT {LC6075/1} (Gives the Rhode Island traffic tribunal jurisdiction to hear first offense refusals to submit to a chemical test pursuant to the Alcohol Boating Safety Act.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

03/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/26/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2715](#)

BY Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Britto, Burke, Bissaillon, Felag, LaMountain, Murray, McKenney

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FRAUD AND FALSE DEALING {LC5209/1} (Establishes the criminal offense of real estate title fraud. Allows municipalities to refuse to record "suspicious documents" from persons who are not trusted submitters. Also creates penalties for real estate title fraud.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/16/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2983](#)

BY Quezada, LaMountain, Bissaillon, McKenney, Euer, DiMario, Mack, Vargas ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS {LC5680/1} (Permits the expungement of records 5 years after the imposition of sentence for misdemeanors and 10 years after the imposition of sentence for felonies, and if the sentence is greater than 10 years, then, upon successful completion of the sentence.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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

05/19/2026 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2140](#)

BY Bissaillon, LaMountain, Appollonio, McKenney, Famiglietti ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- QUASI-PUBLIC CORPORATIONS ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT {LC3845/1} (Provides that compensation comparability studies of senior management, documents discussed at an open meeting, annual contracting reports, list of current salaries and positions, and all policies and procedures of public corporations be made public.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Resolution No. [2724](#)

BY Famiglietti, Thompson, Burke

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING A CONVENTION OF THE STATES UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION {LC4711/1} (Petitions congress to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution to impose restraints on the federal government.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2727](#)

BY Acosta, Euer, Valverde, DiMario, Urso, Kallman, Vargas, Bell, Zurier, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION -- THE EQUITABLE PARTICIPATION IN UTILITY REGULATION ACT {LC5497/1} (Creates an intervenor compensation program to provide compensation in the form of grants for legal fees, expert witness fees, and other reasonable costs to an intervenor in both, energy siting board and public utilities commission proceedings.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2729](#)

BY Sosnowski

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND {LC5873/1} (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 Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2944](#)

BY Thompson, Famiglietti

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS -- RHODE ISLAND BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT {LC5869/1} (Requires businesses that conduct business to register and maintain required filings with the secretary of state so that consumers and small businesses may readily identify responsible parties, verify good standing, and effectuate service of process.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2946](#)

(Dept. of Human Services)

BY Tikoian, Ciccone, Murray, Lauria, Urso, Appollonio, Rogers, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- LICENSING OF YOUTH CAMPS {LC5323/1} (Aligns the implementation date of youth camp licensing within the operational, and statutory framework of the Rhode Island department of human services and department of children, youth and families.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2965](#)

BY Lauria, DiMario, Valverde, Murray, Vargas, Ujifusa, Urso, Mack, Acosta, Kallman, Pearson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- UNIFORM ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS ACT {LC5526/1} (Allows a party to condition a transaction by electronic means on their stated desire to obtain and receive a written copy of the document in English or Spanish before electronic execution of the agreement or performance is required of the party.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2987](#)

(General Treasurer)

BY LaMountain, Burke, Dimitri, Felag, Quezada

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES {LC4669/1} (Prohibits the state from seeking reimbursement for expenditures made on behalf of disabled Rhode Islanders from an ABLE account after the death of the designated beneficiary.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3040](#)

BY Bell, Kallman

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- ACTIONS BY AND AGAINST TOWNS {LC6002/1} (Requires a municipality to disclose on their official website the specific issues, details and costs of any legal action of which the town or city is a named defendant within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2400](#)

BY DiPalma, Zurier, E Morgan, Acosta, de la Cruz

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES {LC4222/1} (Requires that all agencies' final rules, promulgated pursuant to the administrative procedures act, be approved by general assembly action, but in no case later than December 31 of the year it is promulgated, before it can become effective.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3202](#)

(Secretary of State)

BY Dimitri, LaMountain, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES {LC6161/1} (Amends the refiling process for rules and regulations under the administrative procedures act by implementing a confirmation and attestation system to confirm agency rules and regulations are active and effective.)

04/03/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Resolution No. [3264](#)

BY Britto, Kallman, Acosta, Vargas, Tikoian, Murray, Zurier

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION REPEALING RHODE ISLAND'S RATIFICATION OF THE CORWIN AMENDMENT {LC6289/1} (Repeals the General Assembly's previous ratification of the Corwin Amendment.)

05/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2389](#)

BY DiPalma, Burke, Britto, Murray, Felag, McKenney, Gu, Gallo, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC4662/1} (Makes changes to the access to public records act, including clarifying various provisions, increasing the sanctions for knowing and willful violations of the law, and making certain traffic accident data and preferred license plate information public.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2393](#)

BY Patalano, Ciccone, Tikoian, Famiglietti, Appollonio, Thompson, Raptakis, Burke, Dimitri, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC4359/1} (Requires those with a public records request to provide identifying information.)

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2480](#)

BY Kallman, DiPalma, Thompson, Raptakis, Murray, Mack, Lauria, Urso, Dimitri, Appollonio

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS {LC4452/1} (Makes traffic accident data a public record, subject to federal law.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [2484](#)

BY E Morgan, Rogers, Ciccone, de la Cruz, Paolino, Raptakis, Appollonio, DiPalma, LaMountain, Tikoian

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS -- COST {LC3299/1} (Provides that fees for costs charged for search, retrieval or copying of public records shall be waived for members of the general assembly who certify that they are acting in their official capacity.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Bill No. [3115](#)

BY Gallo, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- UNFAIR CLAIMS SETTLEMENT PRACTICES ACT {LC5731/1} (Raises the percentage from eighty percent (80%) to eighty-five percent (85%) regarding declaring a vehicle a total loss.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

Senate Resolution No. [2954](#)

BY McKenney, Gu, DiPalma, Euer, Valverde

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION RESCINDING ALL PRIOR ARTICLE V CONVENTION APPLICATIONS {LC5231/1} (Cancels and nullifies all prior applications by the general assembly calling for a constitutional convention.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

05/19/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [2280 SUB A](#)
{LC4050/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2392 SUB A](#)
{LC4470/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2734 SUB A](#)
{LC4471/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2715 SUB A](#)
{LC5209/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 21, 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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