
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**H-7027 HAS BEEN ADDED PLEASE NOTE: TIME CHANGE
ADVICE AND CONSENT HAVE BEEN ADDED
PROPOSED SUB A FOR S-2209 & S-2432 HAVE BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 2026
TIME: 3:15 PM
PLACE: Senate Lounge - State House

SCHEDULED FOR ADVICE AND CONSENT

Appointment of Arthur P. Petrosinelli VICE Dennis Duffy to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2029.

Appointment of Karen M. Hazard VICE Jo Eva Gaines to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2029.

Appointment of Sandra Cano VICE Robert Mitchell to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2029.

Appointment of Alan J. Tenreiro VICE Rochelle Green to the Board of Education for a term expiring January 31, 2029.

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [2077](#)

BY DiMario, Lawson, Gallo, Valverde, Murray, Zurier, McKenney, Lauria, Pearson, Quezada ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- COUNCIL ON ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION {LC3641/1} (Expands council on elementary and secondary education and board of education and makes teacher of year and student advisory chair voting members on each.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

04/08/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2079](#)

BY Tikoian, Ciccone, Gallo, McKenney, Paolino, Bissailon, DiPalma, Murray, Patalano, LaMountain

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC3168/1} (Expands the requirement that all high schools and middle schools, whether they are publicly or privately run to maintain on site a functional AED while establishing and implementing a cardiac emergency response plan in these schools.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/11/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2209](#)

BY Dimitri, Patalano, Famiglietti, Thompson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Burke, Appollonio, de la Cruz, Rogers

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC3726/1} (Strengthens school security measures/established 8 member school emergency response committee/rapid response teams/SWAT teams/requires annual appropriation of \$1,000,000 to achieve these goals.)

01/23/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
03/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/27/2026 Meeting postponed
04/10/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/15/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2432](#)

BY Tikoian, Dimitri, Acosta, Felag, LaMountain, Zurier, Patalano, Urso, Ciccone, DiPalma
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- GUARANTEED ADMISSION FOR EAGLE SCOUT AND GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS {LC4552/1} (Grants automatic admission to state public institutions for qualified Eagle Scout and Gold award recipients from the Girl Scouts.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
03/20/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/25/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2635](#)

BY Lawson, Gallo, Ciccone, Tikoian, LaMountain, Bissailon, Murray, Urso, Britto, Thompson
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- FEDERAL AID {LC4915/1} (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.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/04/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3147](#)

BY Gallo, Ciccone, Tikoian, DiPalma, Bissaillon, DiMario, Valverde, McKenney, Mack, Zurier ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- RHODE ISLAND PREKINDERGARTEN EDUCATION ACT {LC5718/1} (Establishes guidelines, rules and regulations for the implementation and expansion of prekindergarten education programs for children ages 3-4 to increase children's school readiness statewide.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

04/29/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [2524](#)

BY Thompson, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Urso, Patalano ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS -- STUDENT AND TEACHER CLASSROOM SAFETY {LC4852/1} (Establishes provisions for student and teacher classroom safety and provides the authority to remove students from classrooms. This act provides for student and educator protections from said removals.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/06/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3077](#)

BY Gallo

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT {LC5651/1} (Specifies that pre-k programs for three (3) – and four (4) – years olds be added to programs to increase access to voluntary, free, high-quality pre-kindergarten programs.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/06/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Resolution No. [2789](#)

BY DiPalma, Valverde, Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo, Urso

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE TEACHER HEALTHCARE PLAN {LC5530/1} (Creates an 11-member commission to study and make recommendations on a statewide teacher healthcare plan, and would report quarterly as of September 1, 2026, and submit a final report by September 1, 2027, and expires on December 31, 2027.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

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04/08/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

Senate Bill No. [3011](#)

BY Vargas, Thompson, Appollonio, Murray, DiPalma, McKenney, Valverde, Pearson, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- POST-SECONDARY STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN ACT {LC5980/1} (Prohibits public and private colleges and universities from charging students for institution provided health insurance in the absence of affirmative action by the student opting-in to coverage.)

03/05/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

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

03/25/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

House Bill No. [7027](#)

BY Noret, Read, McNamara, O'Brien, Biah, Finkelman, Serpa, Donovan, Messier, Phillips ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS {LC3169/1} (Expands the requirement that all high schools and middle schools, whether they are publicly or privately run to maintain on site a functional AED while establishing and implementing a cardiac emergency response plan in these schools.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Education

01/23/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

01/27/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/27/2026 Scheduled for consideration

04/02/2026 Committee recommends passage

04/03/2026 Placed on House Calendar

04/09/2026 House read and passed

04/14/2026 Referred to Senate Education

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [2209 SUB A](#)

{LC3726/A/1}

Senate Bill No. [2432 SUB A](#)

{LC4552/A/1}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 2:00 PM on 'Tuesday, May 26, 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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