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# SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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**S-3314 AND S-2057 HAS BEEN ADDED  
PROPOSED SUB A/2 FOR S-2280 HAS BEEN ADDED  
PROPOSED SUB A FOR S-2054 & S-2397 HAVE BEEN ADDED**

## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026  
**TIME:** Rise of the Senate  
**PLACE:** Room 313 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**Senate Bill No. [2601 SUB A](#)**

**BY LaMountain, Burke, Felag**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER ACT OF 2024**

{LC4916/A/1}

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

04/01/2026 Proposed Substitute

04/01/2026 Proposed Substitute

04/02/2026 Committee recommended indefinite postponement

04/02/2026 Committee recommended Substitute A be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2394](#)**

**BY Bissaillon, Britto, McKenney, LaMountain, Mack**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS' PROPERTY ACT {LC4610/1} (Adopts the uniform partition of heirs property act.)**

01/30/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

05/22/2026 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

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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  
05/20/2026 Proposed Substitute  
05/20/2026 Proposed Substitute  
05/21/2026 Meeting postponed  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2054](#)**

**BY Lauria, Lawson, Euer, LaMountain, Zurier, Pearson, McKenney, DiMario, Murray, Gallo ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- EVIDENCE {LC3658/1}** (Provides that statements by a health care provider regarding the unanticipated outcome of a patient's medical care and treatment shall be inadmissible as evidence of an admission of liability or as evidence of an admission.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary  
05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
05/07/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2605](#)**

**BY Ciccone, Bissailon, Zurier, Murray, Urso, Mack, Acosta, Euer ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- CAUSES OF ACTION -- THE RHODE ISLAND FEDERAL CONSTITUTION DEFENSE ACT {LC4682/1}** (Creates the Rhode Island Federal Constitution defense act.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary  
05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
05/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2128](#)**

**BY Zurier, McKenney, Bissailon, Burke, Quezada, Tikoian, LaMountain ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- COURTS -- JUDICIAL SELECTION {LC3432/1}** (Requires individuals seeking a judicial nomination to reapply to JNC every 3 years and make those individuals selected as finalists, eligible only for the court in which they applied and were chosen during the five years following their selection.)

01/16/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary  
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2397](#)**

**BY Urso, Tikoian, LaMountain, Bissaillon, Britto, Dimitri, Patalano, Appollonio, Paolino ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY -- DOGS {LC3221/1}** (Increases penalties for a second or subsequent offense with a fine of not less than \$500 or no more than \$2,500 and up to 2 years imprisonment, for violating the law on the care of dogs.)

01/30/2026 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

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2988](#)**

(General Treasurer)

**BY Ciccone, Felag, LaMountain, Burke, Patalano, Dimitri ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION {LC4668/1}** (Funds the state crime victim compensation program through an additional one dollar (\$1.00) fine on traffic violations, exclusive of violations related to the parking of vehicles.)

03/04/2026 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

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2937](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY Tikoian, LaMountain, Quezada, Dimitri, Famiglietti, Raptakis, McKenney, Burke, Patalano ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--COURTS -- COURT ADMINISTRATION {LC5282/1}** (For purposes of the judicial security act permits an authorized agent to file a written notice with a state, county, or municipal agency on behalf of a protected individual.)

03/04/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

03/31/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3116](#)**

**BY Ciccone, Quezada, Acosta, Bissaillon, Murray, Kallman, Mack, Bell ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- RESTRICTIONS ON STATE AND MUNICIPAL COOPERATION WITH CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT {LC6097/1}** (Prohibits state or local authorities from voluntary participation in federal civil immigration enforcement. It would not prohibit compliance with a judicial warrant or court order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.)

03/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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05/01/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
05/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3167](#)**

**BY Patalano, Raptakis, Thompson, LaMountain, Appollonio, Famiglietti, Dimitri, Burke, Paolino ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION {LC6137/1}** (Provides that when two or more individuals associate to accomplish the crime of shoplifting, that they would be deemed to be associated for the particular purpose of shoplifting and be guilty of a felony.)

03/27/2026 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  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3165](#)**

**BY Ciccone, Britto, Burke, Thompson, Felag, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC4858/1}** (Allows any city, town, state and/or agency of a municipality or the state to report unpaid fines of two hundred dollars (\$200) or more to the division of motor vehicles as grounds for refusal of registration.)

03/27/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary  
04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
04/09/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3166](#)**

**BY Ciccone, Britto, Burke, Thompson, Felag, DiPalma ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES {LC4857/1}** (Car rental company not subject to registration penalties resulting from out-of-state toll violations from operators using their rental vehicles but are responsible for any outstanding toll amounts due.)

03/27/2026 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  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3228](#)**

**BY Ciccone, Bissaillon, Raptakis, Thompson ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- AUTOMATED TRAFFIC VIOLATION MONETARY SYSTEMS {LC4028/1}** (Extends the sunseting of the "Don't Block the Box" automated traffic detection systems from January 15, 2027, to January 15, 2030.)

04/20/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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04/24/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
04/28/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**Senate Bill No. [2057](#)**

**BY Tikoian, LaMountain, Ciccone, Gallo, Burke, McKenney, Patalano, Bissaillon, Raptakis, Paolino**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO DELINQUENT AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN -- PROCEEDINGS IN FAMILY COURT {LC3166/1} (Requires every school district to render assistance and cooperation within its jurisdictional power to further the objects of this chapter, to wit, providing the courts with any information concerning a child as the court may require.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary  
03/06/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
03/12/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for consideration

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**Senate Bill No. [2612](#)**

**BY Zurier, McKenney**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC5274/1} (Allows advisory bodies to participate in a public meeting using videoconferencing, subject to certain requirements.)

02/13/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3313](#)**

**BY Bissaillon, Acosta**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- THE RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT {LC6499/1} (Amends sections of the Rhode Island Cannabis Act relative to proof of residency terminology, and amends the definition of applicant and provides a new process for the approval and certification for social equity and cannabis retail sales licenses.)

05/22/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**Senate Bill No. [3314](#)**

**BY Sosnowski**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES {LC6522/1} (Allows Kimberley Gaffett to join Bonnie Phyllis Nolan and David Gaffett Spier in Marriage on or about October 3, 2026, within the Town of New Shoreham.)

05/22/2026 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary  
05/22/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

## **PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE**

**Senate Bill No. [2054 SUB A](#)**  
{LC3658/A/1}

**Senate Bill No. [2280 SUB A](#)**  
{LC4050/A/2}

**Senate Bill No. [2397 SUB A](#)**  
{LC3221/A/1}

## **TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

\*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 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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