

SJR2011 - Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of Approximately \$30,000,000 To Rhode Island's Public Schools For Safety And Security Improvements pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Gordon Rogers (R)

Companion: [HJR7772 - Rep. Rea \(R\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Anthony DeLuca (R); Sen. Jessica de la Cruz (R);

Intro Date: 1/10/2024

Summary: This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to each public school in Rhode Island for school safety and security improvements.

Complete 01/10/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2041 - An Act Relating To Education -- Rights Of Parents And Guardians In Public Educational Instruction Act pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Anthony DeLuca (R)

Companion: [HB7873 - Rep. Roberts \(R\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Thomas Paolino (R); Sen. Elaine Morgan (R); Sen. Gordon Rogers (R); Sen. Jessica de la Cruz (R);

Intro Date: 1/12/2024

Summary: Enables parents to review public school learning materials/object if the parent decides that the material is harmful. Also a parent may withdraw their student from the activity or class where the material is used and request an alternative assignment.

Complete 01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2042 - An Act Relating To Education -- Transparency In Arts Education Access And Proficiency Act pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Pamela Lauria (D)

Companion: [HB7020 - Rep. Brien \(I\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D); Sen. Robert Britto (D);

Intro Date: 1/12/2024

Summary: Establishes the Transparency in Arts Education Access and Proficiency Act to promote arts education.

Complete 01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/29/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/03/2024)

04/03/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2046 - An Act Relating To Education -- Federal Aid pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D)

Companion: [HB7337 - Rep. Sanchez \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Victoria Gu (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Sam Bell (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D);

Intro Date: 1/12/2024

Summary: Requires free breakfast and lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools.

Complete 01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2143 - An Act Relating To Education -- School Committees And Superintendents pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Ana Quezada (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Sam Bell (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D);

Intro Date: 1/24/2024

Summary: Authorizes the school administration to issue an out-of-school suspension to students if they are a threat to the safety of others.

Complete 01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2144 - An Act Relating To Education -- Children With Disabilities pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Ana Quezada (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Linda Ujifusa (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D);

Intro Date: 1/24/2024

Summary: Requires transition planning for high school students with disabilities, who have a "504" plan, like the transition planning required for high school students with disabilities, who have an individualized education program (IEP).

Complete 01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#)

03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/20/2024)

Progress: 03/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study (7-0)
2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SJR2147 - Joint Resolution To Approve, Publish And Submit To The Electors A Proposition Of Amendment To The Constitution -- Right To An Adequate Education pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Roger A. Picard (D)

Companion: HJR7396 - Rep. Messier (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Samuel Zurier (D);

Intro Date: 1/24/2024

Summary: Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education that is adequate, equitable and meaningful and provides judicial enforcement of this provision.

Complete 01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (04/03/2024)

04/03/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2148 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Kindergarten Through Grade Two (2) Maximum Class Size Act pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D);

Intro Date: 1/24/2024

Summary: 2) MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE ACT (Mandates 20 students per classroom for kindergarten through second grade. Exceptions for emergencies and temporary situations, not to exceed 3 days and mid-year enrollments.

Complete 01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (04/03/2024)

04/03/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study (7-0)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2160 - An Act Relating To Education -- Career And Technical Education pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D);

Intro Date: 1/24/2024

Summary: Establishes a group to develop a tuition formula for schools sending students to technical programs.

Complete 01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2162 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Linda Ujifusa (D)

Companion: HB7252 - Rep. Donovan (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Sam Bell (D); Sen. Victoria Gu (D); Sen. John Burke (D); Sen. Roger A. Picard (D); Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D);

Intro Date: 1/24/2024

Summary: Amend the calculation of state funding provided to local education agencies for special education services.

Complete 01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2284 - An Act Relating To Education -- Innovation Schools pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Jessica de la Cruz (R)

Companion: HB7723 - Rep. Roberts (R)

Cosponsors: Sen. Frank A. Ciccone, III (D); Sen. John Burke (D); Sen. Gordon Rogers (R); Sen. Elaine Morgan (R); Sen. Samuel Zurier (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Allows for the establishment of innovation schools for the purpose of improving school performance and student achievement through increased autonomy and flexibility.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2287 - An Act Relating To Education -- Council On Elementary And Secondary Education pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Valerie Lawson (D)

Companion: HB7614 - Rep. Morales (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Victoria Gu (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Jacob Bissaillon (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Requires the student advisory council to meet at least quarterly, provides the chairperson with equal voting powers as members on the council, and provides that a student under eighteen (18) years is exempt from the senate advise and consent process.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (04/24/2024)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

SB2288 - An Act Relating To Education -- Certification Of Teachers pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Requires all educator preparation programs to include lessons on cultural competency and how teachers shall meet the instructional needs of multilingual learners.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (04/03/2024)
04/03/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study (7-0)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2289 - An Act Relating To Education - Council On Postsecondary Education pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Companion: HB7355 - Rep. Speakman (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Prohibits colleges and universities from withholding a student's transcript due to the student failing to pay any expenses owed to the college or university but permits the withholding of a student's academic credits and grades or diploma or degree.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2320 - An Act Relating To Education -- Federal Aid pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Companion: HB7400 - Rep. Caldwell (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Establishes new programs for free breakfast and lunch meals in all public schools.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2321 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Companion: HB7036 - Rep. Speakman (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Establishes a new categorical funding category for civics education.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2346 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Sam Bell (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Provides local education agencies (LEAs) hiring site-based specialists for reading and math to receive state reimbursement based on enrollment and specific guidelines.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2365 - An Act Relating To Education -- Paul W. Crowley Student Investment Initiative pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Melissa Murray (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Restructures professional development investment fund to assume duties of dissemination of curriculum materials/frameworks/assessments/development plans with annual allocation of \$200 per student.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History: 03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/19/2024)
03/19/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study (7-0)
03/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2424 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety - Parents Bill Of Rights Act pdf

Sponsor: Sen. Elaine Morgan (R)

Companion: [HB7781 - Rep. Morgan \(R\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Anthony DeLuca (R); Sen. Gordon Rogers (R); Sen. Thomas Paolino (R); Sen. Jessica de la Cruz (R); Sen. Frank A. Ciccone, III (D); Sen. Leonidas P. Raptakis (D); Sen. Frank S. Lombardi (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Provides for a parents' bill of rights related to the health, education and welfare of their minor children.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2513 - An Act Relating To Education -- Health And Safety Of Pupils [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Samuel Zurier (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Requires all public schools to screen students for behavioral health concerns by June 30, 2025, and thereafter, all students in the third grade, eighth grade, and students who enroll from a district outside of the state.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/20/2024)

03/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2515 - An Act Relating To Education -- Health And Safety Of Pupils [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Companion: [HB7195 - Rep. McNamara \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Linda Ujifusa (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Establishes a one-year pilot outreach and tracking program at two public high and middle schools to address issues of asthma and attendance among students.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2525 - An Act Relating To Education -- School Committees And Superintendents [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tiara Mack (D)

Companion: [HB7869 - Rep. Morales \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Sandra Cano (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Mandates that school districts provide culturally competent, de-escalation, and trauma-informed methods to minimize classroom disruptions and improve student learning.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(8-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2526 - An Act Relating To Education -- Children With Disabilities [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Alana DiMario (D)

Companion: [HB7721 - Rep. Kislak \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Outlines the requirements and process for LEAs to get written parental consent before conducting an evaluation or making an initial placement of a student in a special education program of services.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/20/2024)

03/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2527 - An Act Relating To Education -- Compulsory Attendance [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Companion: [HB7289 - Rep. McNamara \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Directs the department of elementary and secondary education to establish a two (2) year pilot outreach and tracking program at two (2) public high schools.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2533 - An Act Relating To Education -- Compulsory Attendance [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Companion: [HB7290 - Rep. McNamara \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Directs each local education agency adopt a program to monitor absenteeism data to identify students who are at risk for chronic absenteeism before it becomes a chronic situation.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2551 - An Act Relating To Education -- Rhode Island Promise Scholarship -- Rhode Island Hope Scholarship Pilot Program [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Victoria Gu (D)

Companion: [HB7544 - Rep. Azzinaro \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Extends the time for which a student may enroll in order to qualify for the Promise Scholarship or the Hope Scholarship up to one year after high school graduation.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#)

03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/28/2024)

03/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2558 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Companion: [HB7907 - Rep. Felix \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Samuel Zurier (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Mark McKenney (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Adds multilingual learners into the determination of high-need students and provides a student success factor of twenty-five percent (25%) of the core instruction per-pupil amount and repeals the categorical funding for these students.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2569 - An Act Relating To Education -- Foundation Level School Support [see Title 16 Chapter 97 -- The Rhode Island Board Of Education Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Samuel Zurier (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Roger A. Picard (D); Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D); Sen. Frank A. Ciccone, III (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Changes the formula to determine the state's share of educational cost by adding 3 new variables to the formula.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History: 04/19/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/23/2024)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

SB2591 - An Act Relating To Education -- Student Loan Repayment Program [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Alana DiMario (D)

Companion: [HB8048 - Rep. Shallcross Smith \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Creates the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority which would allow eligible individual to discharge student loan debt.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#)

03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/28/2024)

03/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2594 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Adds to the determination of the need to support high-need students a separate and independent qualifying factor of whether the student is an English language learner as defined by the department of education's regulations.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2597 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Educational Equity And Property Tax Relief Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D)

Companion: [HB7545 - Rep. Shallcross Smith \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Frank S. Lombardi (D); Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Provides for an appropriation by the general assembly in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the various school districts and municipalities to employ additional social workers.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2806 - An Act Relating To Education -- Curriculum [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D)

Companion: [HB7513-A - Rep. McNamara \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D);

Intro Date: 3/22/2024

Summary: Delays the date for local education agencies to select one of the high quality curricula and material for math and English language arts from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2027.

Complete 03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/19/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration \(04/24/2024\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

SB2807 - An Act Relating To Education -- Sheila C. "Skip" Nowell Academy [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Companion: [HB7560 - Rep. McNamara \(D\)](#)

Intro Date: 3/22/2024

Summary: Provides for changes to the operating structure of the Nowell Academy establishing a cooperative agreement among school districts.

Complete 03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/19/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration \(04/24/2024\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

SB2842 - An Act Relating To Education -- Bill Of Rights For Multilingual Learners Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Mark McKenney (D); Sen. Samuel Zurier (D);

Intro Date: 3/22/2024

Summary: Requires the council on elementary and secondary education to draft a written bill of rights for parents or guardians of students who are multilingual learners that safeguard and protect the rights of multilingual learners in public schools.

Complete 03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/29/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration \(04/03/2024\)](#)

04/03/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(6-0\)](#)

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2844 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Office Of The Special Education Ombud [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Melissa Murray (D)

Intro Date: 3/22/2024

Summary: Establishes the RI ombud for special education who ensures school districts throughout the state meet the minimum standards required to comply with the individualized education programs for students with disabilities.

Complete 03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2852 - An Act Relating To Education -- Rhode Island Hope Scholarship Pilot Program Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D)

Companion: [HB8108 - Rep. McNamara \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Jacob Bissaillon (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Samuel Zurier (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D);

Intro Date: 3/22/2024

Summary: Extends the sunset date of the Rhode Island hope scholarship pilot program act from 2028 to 2030, in order to allow the program to provide eligible students with funding for tuition and mandatory fees for an additional two (2) years.

Complete 03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2864 - An Act Relating To Education -- Building Opportunities In Out-Of-School Time [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)
Companion: [HB8047 - Rep. Shallcross Smith \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Mark McKenney (D); Sen. John Burke (D); Sen. Matthew LaMountain (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D);
Intro Date: 3/22/2024
Summary: Provides \$4 million to support after school and school vacation, summer learning workforce development programs for K-12 students with annual reports on status and programs.
Complete 03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
History:
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2866 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)
Companion: [HB7397 - Rep. Alzate \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Samuel Zurier (D); Sen. Mark McKenney (D);
Intro Date: 3/22/2024
Summary: Provides that the permanent foundation educational aid program would provide state funding for school-based mental health services pursuant to specified conditions.
Complete 03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
History:
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2917 - An Act Relating To Education -- Support And Access To Bilingual Education Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)
Companion: [HB7514 - Rep. Felix \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Sen. Valerie Lawson (D);
Intro Date: 3/27/2024
Summary: Creates a new chapter for the support/access to bilingual education. It creates a dual language program fund to be administered by the department of education. Local education agencies would be eligible to apply to the department for funding. Eff. 7/1/24
Complete 03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
History: 03/29/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/03/2024)
04/03/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(6-0\)](#)
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2929 - An Act Relating To Public Finance -- Rhode Island Baby Bond Trust [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Melissa Murray (D)
Companion: [HB7851 - Rep. Giraldo \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Samuel Zurier (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D);
Intro Date: 3/28/2024
Summary: Creates the Rhode Island baby bond trust to provide investment funds to children born to families with public health insurance or no insurance living in Rhode Island.
Complete 03/28/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
History:
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2950 - An Act Relating To Education -- School Emergency Drills Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)
Companion: [HB8102 - Rep. Boylan \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Mark McKenney (D); Sen. John Burke (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D);
Intro Date: 4/5/2024
Summary: Makes revisions to the number, timing, and procedures to be followed when schools grades K through 12 implement fire drills, evacuation drills, and crisis response drills, designed to protect the health and safety of students.
Complete 04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
History:
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2962 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Tuition Waiver Pilot Program For Children In Foster Care [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D)
Companion: [HB7905 - Rep. Casimiro \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Sen. Samuel Zurier (D); Sen. Frank S. Lombardi (D);
Intro Date: 4/5/2024
Summary: Establishes the tuition waiver program for children in Rhode Island foster care program. The purpose would be to increase the number of youths in foster care enrolling in and obtaining degrees in a timely fashion from Rhode Island college.
Complete 04/05/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
History:
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2983 - An Act Relating To Education -- Council On Postsecondary Education -- Student Success Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Frank A. Ciccone, III (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Frank S. Lombardi (D); Sen. John Burke (D); Sen. Roger A. Picard (D); Sen. David Tikoian (D); Sen. Robert Britto (D); Sen. Matthew LaMountain (D); Sen. Sam Bell (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D);

Intro Date: 4/16/2024

Summary: Reduces the time, from three (3) years to one year, required for a nonimmigrant foreign national student, who has resided in Rhode Island, to be eligible to pay the same in-state tuition as any other Rhode Island student.

Complete 04/16/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB7020 - An Act Relating To Education -- Transparency In Arts Education Access And Proficiency Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Jon Brien (I)

Companion: [SB2042 - Sen. Lauria \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Jacquelyn Baginski (D); Rep. Robert Craven, Sr. (D); Rep. Arthur J. Corvese (D); Rep. Julie Casimiro (D); Rep. Thomas Noret (D); Rep. Brian C. Newberry (R); Rep. Alex Finkelman (D);

Intro Date: 1/5/2024

Summary: Establishes the Transparency in Arts Education Access and Proficiency Act to promote arts education.

Complete 01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 01/19/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (01/24/2024)

01/24/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7036 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. June Speakman (D)

Companion: [SB2321 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Nathan Biah (D); Rep. Lauren Carson (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Megan Cotter (D); Rep. Terri Cortvriend (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Jennifer Boylan (D);

Intro Date: 1/5/2024

Summary: Establishes a new categorical funding category for civics education.

Complete 01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB7146 - An Act Relating To Education -- Curriculum [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D);

Intro Date: 1/11/2024

Summary: Directs the council on elementary and secondary education to develop recommendations for a high school curriculum to prepare students for successful postsecondary education and careers in computer science.

Complete 01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 01/19/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (01/24/2024)

01/24/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7147 - An Act Relating To Education -- Curriculum [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D);

Intro Date: 1/11/2024

Summary: Requires the department of education to develop and make available for use in all schools a mental health curriculum. School districts would be required to provide four (4) hours of mental health instruction to seventh grade students.

Complete 01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 01/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (01/31/2024)

01/31/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7148 - An Act Relating To Education -- Cooperative Service Among School Districts [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D);

Intro Date: 1/11/2024

Summary: Amends the composition of the Urban Collaborative and provide that the collaborative be governed by a board of trustees.

Complete 01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 01/19/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (01/24/2024)

01/24/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

03/08/2024 [Scheduled for consideration](#) (03/13/2024)

03/13/2024 Committee recommends passage

03/15/2024 [Placed on House Calendar](#) (03/19/2024)

03/19/2024 House read and passed

04/05/2024 Referred to Senate Education

Progress: 6/12 - 2nd Chamber Referred to Committee

HB7167 - An Act Relating To Domestic Relations -- Divorce And Separation [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Robert Craven, Sr. (D)

Companion: [SB2213 - Sen. DiPalma \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Justine Caldwell (D); Rep. Evan Shanley (D); Rep. William W. O'Brien (D);

Intro Date: 1/11/2024

Summary: Allows for child support payments when a child is domiciled in the home of the custodial parent and principally dependent on parent until the child is 21, or 23 if child is enrolled in an educational program.

Complete 01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

History: 01/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (02/01/2024)
02/01/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7195 - An Act Relating To Education -- Health And Safety Of Pupils [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph McNamara (D)

Companion: [SB2515 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Thomas Noret (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Brian Rea (R); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Mia Ackerman (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D);

Intro Date: 1/17/2024

Summary: Establishes a one-year pilot outreach and tracking program at two public high and middle schools to address issues of asthma and attendance among students.

Complete 01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/01/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/06/2024)
03/06/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7196 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Nathan Bruno And Jason Flatt Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Julie Casimiro (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. David Bennett (D); Rep. Carol Hagan McEntee (D); Rep. Tina Spears (D); Rep. Lauren Carson (D); Rep. Jason Knight (D); Rep. Thomas Noret (D);

Intro Date: 1/17/2024

Summary: Requires public school districts to adopt a policy for responding to the death of a student or staff member. Also amends the title of chapter 16-21.7 to "The Nathan Bruno, Jason Flatt, and Alicia Biros Bereavement Act."

Complete 01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 01/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (01/31/2024)
01/31/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7207 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Megan Cotter (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Tina Spears (D); Rep. Julie Casimiro (D); Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy (D); Rep. Michael Chippendale (R);

Intro Date: 1/17/2024

Summary: Increases the state's regionalization bonus to six percent (6%) of the state's fiscal year share of foundation education aid and would be ongoing and continuing so long as the district remains a regional school district.

Complete 01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB7232 - An Act Relating To Education -- Education Accountability Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph McNamara (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D); Rep. Mia Ackerman (D); Rep. Arthur J. Corvese (D);

Intro Date: 1/19/2024

Summary: Incorporates the department of elementary and secondary education's SurveyWorks school climate indicators for evaluating the performance of LEAs and individual public schools.

Complete 01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 01/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (01/31/2024)
01/31/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7289 - An Act Relating To Education -- Compulsory Attendance [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph McNamara (D)

Companion: [SB2527 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Mia Ackerman (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Thomas Noret (D);

Intro Date: 1/26/2024

Summary: Directs the department of elementary and secondary education to establish a two (2) year pilot outreach and tracking program at two (2) public high schools.

Complete 01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education
History: 03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/01/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/06/2024)
03/06/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7290 - An Act Relating To Education -- Compulsory Attendance [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph McNamara (D)
Companion: [SB2533 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Mia Ackerman (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Thomas Noret (D);
Intro Date: 1/26/2024
Summary: Directs each local education agency adopt a program to monitor absenteeism data to identify students who are at risk for chronic absenteeism before it becomes a chronic situation.
Complete 01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education
History: 03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/29/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/03/2024)
04/03/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7303 - An Act Relating To Criminal Offenses -- Threats And Extortion [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Thomas Noret (D)
Companion: [SB2683 - Sen. Tikoian \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Terri Cortvriend (D); Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Patricia A. Serpa (D); Rep. Robert Phillips (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D); Rep. Mary Messier (D); Rep. Robert Craven, Sr. (D); Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith (D);
Intro Date: 1/26/2024
Summary: Defines "public official" to include school personnel for purposes of the criminal prohibition against making threats to public officials.
Complete 01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
History: 02/23/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (02/27/2024)
02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7308 - An Act Relating To Education -- Maintenance Of Order On Campus [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. William W. O'Brien (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Matthew Dawson (D); Rep. Patricia A. Serpa (D); Rep. Robert Craven, Sr. (D); Rep. Thomas Noret (D); Rep. Samuel A. Azzinaro (D); Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Robert Phillips (D); Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy (D); Rep. David Bennett (D);
Intro Date: 1/26/2024
Summary: Mandates arming campus police at public higher educational institutions and includes campus police in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of the "Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights."
Complete 01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary
History: 02/23/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (02/27/2024)
02/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7337 - An Act Relating To Education -- Federal Aid [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D)
Companion: [SB2046 - Sen. Acosta \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Arthur Handy (D); Rep. Scott Slater (D);
Intro Date: 1/26/2024
Summary: Requires free breakfast and lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools.
Complete 01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
History:
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB7355 - An Act Relating To Education -- Council On Postsecondary Education [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. June Speakman (D)
Companion: [SB2289 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Lauren Carson (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Jason Knight (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Justine Caldwell (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D);
Intro Date: 1/31/2024
Summary: Prohibits colleges and universities from withholding a student's transcript due to the student failing to pay any expenses owed to the college or university but permits the withholding of a student's academic credits and grades or diploma or degree.
Complete 01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education
History: 02/02/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
02/02/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (02/07/2024)
02/04/2024 [Committee postponed at request of sponsor](#) (02/07/2024)
03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)
03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HJR7396 - Joint Resolution To Approve, Publish And Submit To The Electors A Proposition Of Amendment To The Constitution -- Right To An Adequate Education [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Messier (D)
Companion: [SJR2147 - Sen. Picard \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Jason Knight (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Arthur Handy (D); Rep. Patricia A. Serpa (D); Rep. Deborah J. Fellela (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. Tina Spears (D);
Intro Date: 1/31/2024
Summary: Amends the constitution to guarantee Rhode Island residents with equal opportunity to receive an education that is adequate, equitable and meaningful and provides judicial enforcement of this provision.
Complete 01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections
History: 03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/08/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/14/2024)
03/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[HB7397 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Karen Alzate (D)
Companion: [SB2866 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)
Intro Date: 1/31/2024
Summary: Provides that the permanent foundation educational aid program would provide state funding for school-based mental health services pursuant to specified conditions.
Complete 01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
History:
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

[HB7400 - An Act Relating To Education -- Federal Aid](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Justine Caldwell (D)
Companion: [SB2320 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Arthur Handy (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D); Rep. Michelle McGaw (D); Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. David Morales (D);
Intro Date: 1/31/2024
Summary: Establishes new programs for free breakfast and lunch meals in all public schools.
Complete 01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
History: 02/16/2024 Scheduled for hearing
02/16/2024 [Scheduled for hearing](#) (03/07/2024)
03/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[HB7513-A - An Act Relating To Education -- Curriculum](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph McNamara (D)
Companion: [SB2806 - Sen. Gallo \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Robert Phillips (D);
Intro Date: 2/7/2024
Summary: Delays the date for local education agencies to select one of the high quality curricula and material for math and English language arts from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2026.
Complete 02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education
History: 02/23/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (02/28/2024)
02/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/15/2024 [Scheduled for consideration](#) (03/20/2024)
03/15/2024 Proposed Substitute
03/20/2024 Committee recommends passage of Sub A
03/22/2024 [Placed on House Calendar](#) (03/26/2024)
03/26/2024 House passed Sub A
04/03/2024 Referred to Senate Education
04/04/2024 Referred to Senate Education
Progress: 6/12 - 2nd Chamber Referred to Committee

[HB7514 - An Act Relating To Education -- Support And Access To Bilingual Education Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Leonela Felix (D)
Companion: [SB2917 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Katherine S Kazarian (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Jose Batista (D);
Intro Date: 2/7/2024
Summary: Creates a new chapter for the support/access to bilingual education. It creates a dual language program fund to be administered by the department of education. Local education agencies would be eligible to apply to the department for funding. Eff. 7/1/24
Complete 02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education
History: 02/23/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (02/28/2024)
02/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[HB7544 - An Act Relating To Education -- Rhode Island Promise Scholarship -- Rhode Island Hope Scholarship Pilot Program](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Samuel A. Azzinaro (D)
Companion: [SB2551 - Sen. Gu \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy (D); Rep. Arthur J. Corvese (D); Rep. Joseph J. Solomon, Jr. (D); Rep. Stephen M. Casey (D); Rep. Charlene Lima (D); Rep. William W. O'Brien (D); Rep. Mia Ackerman (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D);

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Summary: Extends the time for which a student may enroll in order to qualify for the Promise Scholarship or the Hope Scholarship up to one year after high school graduation.

Complete 02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History: 03/15/2024 Withdrawn at sponsor's request

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

[HB7545 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith (D)

Companion: [SB2597 - Sen. Sosnowski \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Katherine S Kazarian (D); Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson (D); Rep. Julie Casimiro (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D); Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D); Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Megan Cotter (D);

Intro Date: 2/7/2024

Summary: Provides for an appropriation by the general assembly in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the various school districts and municipalities to employ additional social workers.

Complete 02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

[HB7560 - An Act Relating To Education -- Sheila C. "Skip" Nowell Academy](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph McNamara (D)

Companion: [SB2807 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Sherry Roberts (R); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D); Rep. Mia Ackerman (D);

Intro Date: 2/9/2024

Summary: Provides for changes to the operating structure of the Nowell Academy establishing a cooperative agreement among school districts.

Complete 02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 02/23/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (02/28/2024)
02/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
03/15/2024 [Scheduled for consideration](#) (03/20/2024)
03/20/2024 Committee recommends passage
03/22/2024 [Placed on House Calendar](#) (03/26/2024)
03/26/2024 House read and passed
04/03/2024 Referred to Senate Education
04/04/2024 Referred to Senate Education

Progress: 6/12 - 2nd Chamber Referred to Committee

[HB7594 - An Act Relating To Education -- Bilingual, Dual Language And World Language Teachers Investment Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. David Morales (D)

Companion: [SB2845 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith (D); Rep. Nathan Biah (D); Rep. Anthony DeSimone (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Katherine S Kazarian (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D);

Intro Date: 2/9/2024

Summary: Authorizes the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a program to expand the issuance of teaching certificates to bilingual dual language and world language teachers in urban and urban ring schools.

Complete 02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

[HB7614 - An Act Relating To Education -- Council On Elementary And Secondary Education](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. David Morales (D)

Companion: [SB2287 - Sen. Lawson \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Justine Caldwell (D); Rep. Carol Hagan McEntee (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D); Rep. Julie Casimiro (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D); Rep. Nathan Biah (D); Rep. Megan Cotter (D);

Intro Date: 2/15/2024

Summary: Requires the student advisory council to meet at least quarterly, provides the chairperson with equal voting powers as members on the council, and provides that a student under eighteen (18) years is exempt from the senate advise and consent process.

Complete 02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
03/01/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/06/2024)
03/06/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

[HB7670 - An Act Relating To Education -- The College Crusade Scholarship](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Messier (D)

Companion: [SB2559 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D); Rep. Deborah J. Fellela (D); Rep. Jacquelyn Baginski (D); Rep. Nathan Biah (D); Rep. Scott Slater (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D);
Intro Date: 2/15/2024
Summary: Changes the name of The College Crusade Scholarship to the Onward We Learn Scholarship and provide that those scholarships would not be considered federal or financial aid with regard to the Promise Scholarship or Hope Scholarship Pilot Program.
Complete 02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
History:
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB7721 - An Act Relating To Education -- Children With Disabilities [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D)
Companion: [SB2526 - Sen. DiMario \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Megan Cotter (D); Rep. Evan Shanley (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. Lauren Carson (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Scott Slater (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Justine Caldwell (D);
Intro Date: 2/28/2024
Summary: Outlines the requirements and process for LEAs to get written parental consent before conducting an evaluation or making an initial placement of a student in a special education program of services.
Complete 02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education
History: 03/08/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/13/2024)
03/13/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7722 - An Act Relating To Education -- Curriculum [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Justine Caldwell (D); Rep. Nathan Biah (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Evan Shanley (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Raymond Hull (D);
Intro Date: 2/28/2024
Summary: Promotes the integration of diversity, equity and inclusion principles into school curriculum and also in hiring practices for education staff.
Complete 02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education
History: 03/08/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/13/2024)
03/13/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7724 - An Act Relating To Education -- Offenses Pertaining To Schools [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Brianna Henries (D)
Companion: [SB2195 - Sen. Mack \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D); Rep. Nathan Biah (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D);
Intro Date: 2/28/2024
Summary: Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race by expanding the definition of race to include traits historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, hair texture and protected hairstyles.
Complete 02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education
History: 03/08/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/13/2024)
03/13/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7726 - An Act Relating To Education -- Health And Safety Of Pupils [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. David Morales (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Justine Caldwell (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D); Rep. Nathan Biah (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Julie Casimiro (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D); Rep. Anthony DeSimone (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D);
Intro Date: 2/28/2024
Summary: Requires specific actions and procedures that a public school district or the department of elementary and secondary education shall follow as a part of their proposal to phase out, merge or close a public school.
Complete 02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education
History: 03/08/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/13/2024)
03/13/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7851 - An Act Relating To Public Finance -- Rhode Island Baby Bond Trust [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D)
Companion: [SB2929 - Sen. Murray \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D);
Intro Date: 3/1/2024
Summary: Creates the Rhode Island baby bond trust to provide investment funds to children born to families with public health insurance or no insurance living in Rhode Island.
Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
History: 04/05/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/11/2024)
04/11/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7869 - An Act Relating To Education -- School Committees And Superintendents [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. David Morales (D)

Companion: [SB2525 - Sen. Mack \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Grace Diaz (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D);

Intro Date: 3/4/2024

Summary: Mandates that school districts provide culturally competent, de-escalation, and trauma-informed methods to minimize classroom disruptions and improve student learning.

Complete 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/20/2024)
03/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7873 - An Act Relating To Education -- Rights Of Parents And Guardians In Public Educational Instruction Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Sherry Roberts (R)

Companion: [SB2041 - Sen. DeLuca \(R\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Robert Quattrocchi (R); Rep. Michael Chippendale (R);

Intro Date: 3/4/2024

Summary: Enables parents to review public school learning materials/object if the parent decides that the material is harmful. Also a parent may withdraw their student from the activity or class where the material is used and request an alternative assignment.

Complete 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)
03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7905 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Tuition Waiver Pilot Program For Children In Foster Care [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Julie Casimiro (D)

Companion: [SB2962 - Sen. DiPalma \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Thomas Noret (D); Rep. Justine Caldwell (D); Rep. Jennifer Boylan (D); Rep. Michelle McGaw (D); Rep. Katherine S Kazarian (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D); Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D);

Intro Date: 3/4/2024

Summary: Establishes the tuition waiver program for children in Rhode Island foster care program. The purpose would be to increase the number of youths in foster care enrolling in and obtaining degrees in a timely fashion from Rhode Island college.

Complete 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB7907 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Leonela Felix (D)

Companion: [SB2558 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D); Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D);

Intro Date: 3/4/2024

Summary: Adds multilingual learners into the determination of high-need students and provides a student success factor of twenty-five percent (25%) of the core instruction per-pupil amount and repeals the categorical funding for these students.

Complete 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB7908 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Stephen M. Casey (D)

Companion: [SB2364 - Sen. Murray \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Jon Brien (I); Rep. Robert Phillips (D);

Intro Date: 3/4/2024

Summary: 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.

Complete 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB8047 - An Act Relating To Education -- Building Opportunities In Out-Of-School Time [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith (D)

Companion: [SB2864 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Julie Casimiro (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D);

Intro Date: 3/8/2024

Summary: Provides \$4 million to support after school and school vacation, summer learning workforce development programs for K-12 students with annual reports on status and programs.

Complete 03/08/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB8099 - An Act Relating To Education -- Rhode Island Promise Scholarship [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Samuel A. Azzinaro (D)

Cosponsors: Rep. William W. O'Brien (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D);

Intro Date: 3/22/2024

Summary: Extends the time for which a student may enroll in the community college of Rhode Island Promise Scholarship program to one year after the student's high school graduation.

Complete 03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB8102 - An Act Relating To Education -- School Emergency Drills Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Jennifer Boylan (D)

Companion: [SB2950 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Joseph McNamara (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Lauren Carson (D); Rep. Megan Cotter (D); Rep. Justine Caldwell (D); Rep. Julie Casimiro (D); Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D);

Intro Date: 3/27/2024

Summary: Makes revisions to the number, timing, and procedures to be followed when schools grades K through 12 implement fire drills, evacuation drills, and crisis response drills, designed to protect the health and safety of students.

Complete 03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/29/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/03/2024)

04/03/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB8108 - An Act Relating To Education -- Rhode Island Hope Scholarship Pilot Program Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph McNamara (D)

Companion: [SB2852 - Sen. Pearson \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Samuel A. Azzinaro (D); Rep. Justine Caldwell (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Arthur Handy (D); Rep. Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung (R);

Intro Date: 3/27/2024

Summary: Extends the sunset date of the Rhode Island hope scholarship pilot program from 2028 to 2030, in order to allow the program to provide eligible students with funding for tuition and mandatory fees for an additional two (2) years.

Complete 03/27/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History:

Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred