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CODE ENFORCEMENT

H-5300 **APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson & Others)

ART. 33 **FIREWORKS AND PYROTECHNICS** This article would require that a permit for possession and display of commercial fireworks and pyrotechnics cannot be issued until applicant's certificate of competency and insurance coverage is verified as being current by State Fire Marshal. Finance

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H-5300 **APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Watson & Others)

ART. 39 **RADON CONTROL** This article would require an increased surcharge on new residential construction with the rate changed from one cent to two cents per square foot under roof floor space. Finance

H-5408 **FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE** (Menard & Others) This act would allow taxpayers who incur installation/compliance costs required by the 2003 amendments to the Fire Safety Code tax credits of \$1,000 per year for a period of 5 years. Finance

H-5528 **R.I. FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION** (San Bento & Gemma) This act would establish the R.I Fire Safety Commission for purposes including the appointment of the State Fire Marshal, and promulgation of rules pertaining to the operation of the Office of State Fire Marshal. Separation of Powers

H-5556 **STATE BUILDING CODE** (San Bento & Shanley) This act would provide that, if a building official is satisfied that any proposed work conforms to the requirements of the building code, a permit would be issued within 45 days after the filing of the application. If after 45 calendar days a permit has not been either issued or rejected, the permit fee would be reduced by 50%. If after 60 days a permit has not been issued or rejected, the permit would automatically be issued with no fee. Corporations

H-5557 **SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS** (San Bento) This act would require that local building inspectors conduct plan reviews and inspections of the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detection in new and existing private dwellings occupied by one, two and three families. Corporations

H-5793 **REPAIR INSPECTIONS** (Almeida & Others) This act would allow the gas company to turn a LIHEAP client's gas back on after a problem has been corrected by a state certified company without the necessity of an inspection by a city/town inspector. Corporations

H-5996 **FIRE SAFETY CODE** (McCauley) This act would authorize the State Fire Marshal to implement a required training and certification program for firefighters. It would also add the definition of 'Fire Watch / Uniformed Firefighter Detail' to the "Comprehensive Fire Safety Act". Finance

H-6002 FIRE SAFETY CODE: PLACES OF WORSHIP (Gorham) This act would redefine the structures and areas within structures that fall under the term “places of worship” for purposes of the Fire Safety Code, and would amend the conditions in which the obligation to install fire sprinkler equipment within places of worship would be triggered. H.E.W.

H-6142 FIRE SAFETY ACT (Trillo & Others) This act enumerates specific sections of the “Comprehensive Fire Safety Act of 2003” which shall apply exclusively to nightclubs as defined in subsection 23-18.1-5 (c). Corporations

H-6175 BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (Lima & Others) This resolution would extend the reporting date and amend the membership of the Special House Commission to Examine the Issue of Licensing Builders and Contractors. Read and Passed

H-6206 FIRE CODE RELIEF (Trillo & Others) This act would create the Fire Safety Grandfather Rights Protection Board which purpose would be to restore grandfather rights which existed with respect to any building or structure at the time of the adoption of the “Fire Safety Act of 2003”. Corporations

H-6257 SCHOOL SPRINKLERS (Ucci & Others) This act would exempt schools in Cumberland, Lincoln, Johnston and Cranston that were in existence prior to February 20, 2004, from the requirement that fire sprinklers be installed. H.E.W.

H-6511 CONTRACTORS’ REGISTRATION AND HOME INSPECTORS (Lima & Others) This act would make various amendments to the following Chapters of the General Laws: Chapter 5-65 – “Contractors’ Registration and Licensing Board”; Chapter 5-65.1 – “Home Inspectors”; and repeal various sections of other chapters contained in Title 5. Finance

H-6541 FIRE SAFETY CODE (Ginaitt & Others) This act would amend provisions of “The Comprehensive Fire Safety Act of 2003”. The act would relax certain requirements, and would extend time deadlines for accomplishing certain goals and taking certain actions required under the provisions of the 2003 act. Finance

S-292 R.I. FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION (Tassoni & Others) This act would establish the R. I. Fire Safety Commission for purposes including the appointment of the State Fire Marshal, and promulgation of rules pertaining to the operation of the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Judiciary

S-381 SPRINKLER SYSTEMS (Badeau & Others) This act would initiate a low interest loan program for the installation of sprinkler systems in places of assembly. Corporations

S-548 STATE BUILDING CODE (Badeau) This act would provide that, if a building official is satisfied that any proposed work conforms to the requirements of the building code, a permit would be issued within 45 days after filing of the application. If after 45 calendar days a permit has not been either issued or rejected, the permit fee would be reduced by 50%. If after 60 days a permit has not been issued or rejected, the permit would automatically be issued with no fee. Corporations

S-665 SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS (Badeau) This act would require that local building inspectors conduct plan reviews and inspections of the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detection in new and existing private dwellings occupied by one , two and three families. Housing & Municipal Government

S-673 CONTRACTORS' REGISTRATION (Tassoni & Others) This act would require the licensing of contractors. It would also establish a Residential Contractor Guaranty Fund for homeowners who are aggrieved by contractors, and who have exhausted all other legal and equitable remedies. Labor

S-756 HISTORICAL ZONING (Jabour & Others) This act would make it a criminal offense to demolish a historical building without the necessary permits. Judiciary

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

H-5008 SCHOOL-BASED SURVEILLANCE (Ginaitt & Others) This resolution would request the Department of Education in conjunction with the Department of Health to develop a standardized syndromic school-based surveillance reporting system. **(Enacted as Resolution 5 effective 1/3/07)**

H-5019 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS (Moffitt & Others) This act would require 1% of net terminal income derived from video lottery games to be allocated to the permanent school fund. Finance

H-5020 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY (Gemma & Others) This act would require that school bus emergency brakes, commencing with model year 2009, be equipped with an interlock brake system that, once applied, may only be released when the brake pedal is depressed and the key is inserted into the ignition lock. H.E.W.

H-5024 TRESPASS WITHIN SCHOOL BUILDINGS (Corvese & Others) This act would amend the penalty provision for willful trespass within school buildings by mandating a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for 1 year, or both. Judiciary

H-5049 TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS (San Bento & Others) This act would require all public school districts to transport school children to and from child care facilities located within their school district boundaries. H.E.W.

H-5050 SCHOOL HEALTH: SNACKS AND BEVERAGES (McNamara & Others) This act would require all senior high schools that sell or distribute beverages and snacks on their premises, including those sold through vending machines, to offer healthier beverages and snacks effective January 1, 2008. H.E.W.

H-5071 SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS (San Bento & Others) This act would provide that any licensed speech pathologist who has acquired a Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and who is employed by a school district, would be entitled to receive an annual salary supplement of \$3,500. H.E.W.

H-5085 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (Walsh & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for the tuition and related costs for students attending an elementary or secondary vocational education school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Municipalities would not be required to make any such payments. Finance

H-5130 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS: LOCAL FUNDING (Gallison & Others) This act would require that local funding for charter public schools be approved by the local city/town in conformity with the city/town charter, and by the voters of each local district at either a regularly scheduled financial town meeting or budget meeting. Municipal Government

H-5144 COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (Lima & Others) This act would amend the "Compulsory Attendance" chapter of the general laws to require parents or guardians to respond to school notices regarding the absences of students over the age of 16 who have accumulated over 30 unexcused absences. If the parent or guardian fails to respond within 10 days the school would be authorized to withdraw the student. H.E.W.

H-5146 HAND-SANITIZING STATIONS (Moffitt & Others) This act would require that alcohol based personal hand sanitation stations be installed and maintained in all schools according to criteria adopted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Health. H.E.W.

H-5171 SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS (Melo & Others) This resolution urges the Governor to support a cap of \$20,000 on the cost of educating each individual special education student at the local level. Finance

H-5176 PRIVATE SCHOOLS (Picard) This act would permit students who attend a private school to participate as a member of a public school team in the city/town in which they reside if their private school does not field a team in that sport. H.E.W.

H-5178 SCHOOL CLEANING PRODUCTS (Lewiss & Others) This act would require all elementary and secondary schools, whether public, private, parochial or charter, to use environmentally sensitive cleaning and maintenance products. H.E.W.

H-5180 SMOKING IN SCHOOLS (Ginaitt & Others) This act would allow school districts to designate one event per school, per school year when smoking would be allowed on school premises. H.E.W.

H-5206 ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN (Corvese) This act would require all public schools to provide full-time kindergarten programs as of September 1, 2009. H.E.W.

H-5207 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY (Church & Others) This act would require that school bus emergency brakes, commencing with model year 2009, be equipped with an interlock brake system that, once applied, may only be released when the brake pedal is depressed and the key is inserted into the ignition lock. H.E.W.

H-5208 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Gallison & Others) This act would require that the board of regents hold a public hearing in those instances wherein the board grants a charter to establish a new charter public school over the objections of the local school committee. H.E.W.

H-5224 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Savage & Others) This act would require a reimbursement for educational costs of \$32,000 per "bed" for all group homes or other residential facility "beds" located at or associated with Bradley Hospital to the local community or the legal education authority.
Finance

H-5225 EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT (Story & Others) This act would provide for the reimbursement of extraordinary services equal to 90% of extraordinary special education expenditures payable to school districts each fiscal year.
Finance

H-5229 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Dennigan & Others) This act would require the state to appropriate to the cities/towns \$25,000 for each bed in a group home or other residential facility for reimbursement of educational costs. Finance

H-5232 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION (Moffitt & Others) This act would prohibit construction of schools on landfills. This act would not apply to school land for athletic or extracurricular activities, or to renovations to existing school buildings. H.E.W.

H-5233 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Savage & Others) This act would give a presumption of validity to a school district in hearings before the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education when a school district determines that a child is no longer a resident of that district for purposes of public education. H.E.W.

H-5242 STATE MANDATES (Rose & Others) This act would allow school committees to seek relief from state mandates that are unfunded and which exceed federal limits and guidelines by bringing an action in Superior Court. H.E.W.

H-5256 TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS (Savage & Others) This act would provide that cities/towns would be reimbursed by the state for transportation costs associated with pupils receiving bus transportation to any school located outside the city/town limits. Finance

H-5258 ALLERGIC EMERGENCIES (Gemma & Others) This act would provide that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Health would incorporate into their policies, rules and regulations pertaining to school health programs a procedure for addressing an incidence of hypoglycemia resulting in unconsciousness or seizure. H.E.W.

H-5259 PUBLIC SCHOOL AIR QUALITY (Moffitt & Others) This act would require the Department of Health to conduct yearly air quality inspections in each public school building. H.E.W.

H-5278 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Petarca & Others) This act would require that the state provide funding for the special education needs of a child who moves into a city/town after the school committee adopts its budget for the school year. Finance

H-5280 SCHOOL-TO-CAREER PROGRAM TAX CREDIT (Petarca & Others) This act would provide a tax credit of 10% of the expenses, up to \$200 per tax year, for private businesses that participate in a "Qualified School-to-Career Program". Finance

H-5281 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (Walsh & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for the tuition and related costs for students attending an elementary or secondary vocational education school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Municipalities would not be required to make any such payments. Finance

H-5285 KINDERGARTEN (Ucci & Others) This act would authorize school departments to admit children into their kindergarten programs even though those children have not reached age 5 by September 1 , of the school year. Such admissions would be made in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. H.E.W.

H-5286 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Silva & Others) This act would add labor and labor relations, negotiating collective bargaining agreements, and employee contract analysis to the professional development program offered by Rhode Island College and the Rhode Island Association of School Committees. The act would also require an annual minimum of 6 hours of professional development for school committee members. H.E.W.

H-5300 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 21 SCHOOL AID This article requires cities/towns to finance at least 2% of their local school districts' total budget while exempting a tax levy increase to meet this requirement from the tax levy cap provision; delineates the total aid to be distributed to communities in FY 2008; amends the formula for receiving targeted school aid; and repeals in its entirety Chapter 16-47 entitled "Compact for Education". Finance

H-5300 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 26 CHARTER SCHOOLS This article would remove the moratorium on granting approval for new charter schools. Finance

H-5345 SCHOOL HOUSING COSTS (Shanley & Others) This act would provide that for school housing projects approved after June 30, 2003, interest payments may be included for communities with a stand alone investment grade rating of at least A as established by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. Finance

H-5348 TAX CREDITS (Walsh & Others) This act would establish a tax credit for a "Public Education Partnership Fund", which is defined as a charitable organization that is established by a public school to provide supplemental education programs to public school students in partnership with corporate contributors. Finance

H-5351 DROPOUT PREVENTION (McNamara & Others) This act would create the "Rhode Island High School Dropout Prevention Act of 2007". It would be the responsibility of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to work in collaboration with the school districts and the Board of Governors for Higher Education to implement strategies to lower the dropout rate. H.E.W.

H-5352 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Williams & Segal) This act would provide that the discipline for any public school student who is in possession of or uses alcohol, drugs, or weapons would be imposed on a case-by-case basis pursuant to guidelines promulgated by the school committee for that district. H.E.W.

H-5376 MOTORCYCLE DRIVER EDUCATION (Jacquard & Gemma) This act would remove the motorcycle driver education program from the purview of the Board of Governors for Higher Education, and place it under the auspices of the Office of Highway Safety in the Department of Transportation. Finance

H-5381 SCHOOL BUSES (Jacquard & Gemma) This act would require that effective August 1, 2007, all school buses purchased for use in the state be equipped with seat belt assemblies for the operator and each passenger seat, and would further require mandatory safety belt use by the school bus operator and each passenger. H.E.W.

H-5397 STATEWIDE TEACHER CONTRACT (Loughlin & Others) This act would require the creation of a uniform statewide teacher contract for all teachers newly hired after July 1, 2008. This act would also provide that such teachers would be eligible to participate in a defined contribution plan to be established by the Retirement Board, and would not participate in the current defined benefit plan system. H.E.W.

H-5429 EDUCATION MANDATES (Mattiello & Others) This resolution would create a special legislative commission to make a comprehensive study of the affect state and federal mandates have on education and finances of school districts.
Placed on House Calendar

H-5443 STATE AID: GROUP HOMES (Loughlin & Others) This act would provide an annual appropriation to cities/towns for the cost of the education of students in DCYF group homes. Finance

H-5450 REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS (Loughlin & Others) This act would require the state to pay all tuition and costs for students attending state elementary and secondary vocational technical schools. Finance

H-5451 SCHOOL BUDGETS (Loughlin & Others) This act would allow city/town councils to seek waivers of any state law or regulation related to education, including, but not limited to, regulations governing the education of children with disabilities, in order to reduce school budget increases to specified levels. Finance

H-5460 TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS (Walsh & Others) This act would require school committees to provide transportation to and from school for private school students, both in elementary and high school grades, however the transportation must be within the school district. H.E.W.

H-5499 SCHOOL UNIFORMS (Singleton & Others) This act would require all school committees to adopt a policy requiring all students to wear a school uniform.
H.E.W.

H-5500 EDUCATION MANDATES (Church & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to make a comprehensive study of the affect state and federal mandates have on education and finances of school districts. H.E.W.

H-5502 SCHOOL COMMITTEES: OPEN MEETINGS (Church & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the publication requirements regarding their meetings either by publication electronically or on an official website, and/or by publication in a newspaper. Judiciary

H-5609 HIGH PERFORMING AND GIFTED STUDENTS (Ucci & Others) This act would create a state funded high school for high performing and gifted students to be operated by the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education. Finance

H-5637 CLOSING OF SCHOOLS: ELECTIONS (Story & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that public schools be closed on statewide primary election days. Judiciary

H-5642 ASSAULT (Melo & Others) This act would make an assault upon school bus drivers a felony. Judiciary

H-5656 SCHOOL BUDGETS (Ginaitt & Others) This act would change the procedure to be followed in the case of a negative vote on school budgets by the appropriating authority, which change would include sending a written request to the Auditor General and the Commissioner of Education for nonbinding fact-finding, to be followed by mediation prior to the school committee bringing an action in the Superior Court. H.E.W.

H-5661 SCHOOL COMMITTEES: LEGAL COUNSEL (Corvese) This act would authorize elected school committees to retain the services of independent legal counsel as they may deem necessary and convenient. H.E.W.

H-5662 EDUCATIONAL MANDATES (Corvese) This act would require that educational mandates be fully funded. Lack of full and adequate funding shall be an absolute defense against an action seeking enforcement. H.E.W.

H-5669 PUPIL TRANSPORT VEHICLE (Gablinske & Others) This act would allow the use of school pupil transport vehicles for the transport of 8 or fewer pupils to and from school and school related services by creating a section in the general laws governing the operation and standards for such vehicles. H.E.W.

H-5670 UNIFORM INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH (Williamson & Others) This act would require that the curriculum in all public schools from kindergarten through grade 12 be taught in English. H.E.W.

H-5671 NOTICE OF PEANUT ALLERGIES (Baldelli-Hunt and Others) This act would require schools to post a notice in a conspicuous place advising that there is a student in the school who has an allergy to peanuts or food derived from peanut products. H.E.W.

H-5673 PUPIL TRANSPORT VEHICLE (Picard & Gablinske) This act would allow the use of school pupil transport vehicles for the transport of 8 or fewer pupils to and from school and school related services by creating a section in the general laws governing the operations and standards for such vehicles. H.E.W.

H-5719 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Garrison & Others) This act would require the state to appropriate to the cities/towns \$25,000 for each bed in a group home or other residential facility for reimbursement of educational costs. Finance

H-5766 CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Slater & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to study the consolidation of school districts in Rhode Island. H.E.W.

H-5768 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Story & Others) This act would remove the current moratorium prohibiting the Board of Regents from granting final approval for any new charter schools to begin operations in the 2007-2008 school year. H.E.W.

H-5811 FARM TO SCHOOL INCOME TAX CREDIT (Segal) This act would give an income tax credit of 5% of the cost for farm products grown or produced in the state that are furnished in connection with an agreement to provide food or other products to a local education agency. Finance

H-5818 ART HIGH SCHOOL (Kilmartin & Others) This act would provide that the General Assembly annually appropriate \$3,000,000 to any school district which creates an art high school. Finance

H-5845 FARM TO SCHOOL INCOME TAX CREDIT (Gorham & Others) This act would give an income tax credit of 5% of the cost for farm products grown or produced in the state that are furnished in connection with an agreement to provide food or other products to a local education agency. Finance

H-5846 SCHOOL BUSES (Amaral) This act would create idling standards for diesel powered school buses, and would establish fines for violations of this chapter. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5851 SCHOOL YEAR (Gemma & Others) This act would provide that all public schools start the school year the day after Labor Day. H.E.W.

H-5852 ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK (Fellela & Others) This act would require that there be a 504 plan in place for any student who has experienced a prior anaphylactic shock reaction. H.E.W.

H-5858 UNIFORM INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH (Singleton) This act would require that the curriculum in all public schools from kindergarten through grade 12 be taught in English. It would also repeal the chapter of the general laws entitled "Education of Limited English Proficient Students". H.E.W.

H-5860 GRANTS AND GIFTS (Sullivan & Others) This act would allow school departments and school committees to accept donations, gifts and grants, and utilize and dispose of them in accordance with the express terms or conditions stipulated. H.E.W.

H-5861 SCHOOL BUDGETS (Church & Others) This act would create a new procedure to be used in the case of a negative vote on school budgets by the appropriating authority. The matter would be referred to a fact-finding and mediation panel comprised of the Auditor General and the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education or their designees. If the panel is unsuccessful in resolving the dispute, the school committee shall submit to the city/town council a school budget referendum to be placed on a ballot at a special election. H.E.W.

H-5862 SCHOOL-AGE CHILD CARE (Slater & Others) This act would implement a voluntary quality rating system to assess the quality of licensed child care programs and approved preschools, and to further the goals of the starting right initiative. H.E.W.

H-5900 HEALTHY WEIGHT PILOT PROGRAM (Dennigan & Others) This act would establish pilot programs in several cities/towns to encourage physical exercise and promote healthy weight levels in children. Municipal Government

H-5916 SCHOOL HOUSING COSTS (Long) This act would provide that for school housing projects approved after June 30, 2003, interest payments may be included for communities with a stand alone investment grade rating of at least A as established by Moody's Investor Service, Inc. Finance

H-5917 TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS (Long & Others) this act would provide that cities/towns would be reimbursed by the state for transportation costs associated with pupils receiving bus transportation to any school located outside the city/town limits. Finance

H-5935 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Long & Others) This act would require the state to appropriate to the cities/towns \$25,000 for each bed in a group home or other residential facility for reimbursement of educational costs. Finance

H-5937 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL INVESTMENT FUND (Smith) This act would establish an "alternative school investment fund" to provide school districts with resources necessary to provide a school-based education program for students chronically subject to suspension. Finance

H-5940 SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES (Long & Others) This act would require the state to bear the cost of all special education expenditures for any one child that exceeds \$20,000 in the fiscal year. Finance

H-5944 TEACHERS TENURE (Wasylyk & Lima) This act would require that a hearing be held within 45 days of a statement of cause for dismissal of a teacher upon the teachers request for a hearing. H.E.W.

H-5948 SCHOOL HEALTH: SNACKS AND BEVERAGES (Story & Long) This act would require all senior high schools that sell or distribute beverages and snacks on their premises, including those sold through vending machines, to offer healthier beverages and snacks effective January 1, 2008. H.E.W.

H-5949 PUPIL TRANSPORT VEHICLE (Long & Others) This act would allow the use of school pupil transport vehicles for the transport of 8 or fewer pupils to and from school and school related services by creating a section in the general laws governing the operation and standards for such vehicles. H.E.W.

H-5952 TEACHER CERTIFICATION (Smith) This act would amend the composition and duties of the Policy Board on Teacher and Administrator Certification. It would also change the status of the board by deleting the term "Advisory" from its title. H.E.W.

H-5953 SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS (Smith) This act would require school districts to employ one full-time certified speech language pathologist for every 40 students receiving speech language services. H.E.W.

H-5954 CHRONICALLY-DISRUPTIVE STUDENTS (Smith & Kilmartin) This act would give the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education the authority to require parents of chronically disruptive students to attend conferences. H.E.W.

H-5980 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM (Smith) This act would establish an Alternative School Pilot Program to be adopted by the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education and the local school committees for the purpose of educating children who have been expelled from school or have otherwise been determined to be unsuitable for attendance at a regular school. Finance

H-6009 CLOSING OF SCHOOLS: ELECTIONS (Gablinske & Gallison) This act would eliminate the requirement that public schools be closed on statewide primary election days. Judiciary

H-6051 SCHOOL HOUSING COSTS (Costantino & Others) This act would require that school housing bonds issued by municipal public building authorities would require a joint resolution of approval from the general assembly. Finance

H-6058 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AID (Costantino & Slater) This act would require a local community that sells a school building to reimburse the state for the percentage of the total acquisition cost contributed by the state. Finance

H-6061 REGIONAL COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS (Kilmartin)

This act would establish a regional county school superintendent in each county of the state, but within Providence County there would be appointed two school superintendents. The mission of each superintendent would be to provide constructive oversight, and to facilitate the combination of resources in each county. H.E.W.

H-6063 SCHOOL BUDGETS (Kilmartin) This act would provide that when an action seeking additional appropriations is brought in Superior Court the Auditor General would select the auditor if the audit is not performed by the Office of the Auditor General. The responsibility for the cost of the audit would be determined by the court's decision. H.E.W.

H-6097 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Crowley & Others) This act would continue the moratorium against granting final approval for new charter schools in school districts with less than 9,000 students enrolled, but would permit the granting of final approval in school districts with 9,000 or more students enrolled. H.E.W.

H-6098 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Crowley & Others) This act would lift the moratorium against granting final approval for new charter schools in Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, and Woonsocket for the 2008-2009 school year. H.E.W.

H-6103 EDUCATION MANDATES (Mattiello & Others) This resolution would create a special legislative commission to make a comprehensive study of the affect state and federal mandates have on education and finance of school districts.
Read and Passed

H-6113 MINIMUM PERFORMANCE STANDARD (Trillo & Others) This act would set a minimum performance standard for promotion beyond the fifth grade for public school students. The student must demonstrate skills in reading, writing, and the spoken English language of at least the level expected of the average third grade student. H.E.W.

H-6127 CHILD OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS (Singleton & Others) This act would prohibit a child of an illegal immigrant from attending any public school in this state. H.E.W.

H-6128 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Palumbo & Others) This act would permit any career/technical charter public schools which enroll special education students from outside school districts with verifiable individual education program designations to receive from the sending district the average per pupil special education cost of the sending district. H.E.W.

H-6131 COMMUNITY SUPPORTS ACADEMY (Naughton & Others) This act would create the Rhode Island Community Supports Academy under the supervision of the State Board of Governors for Higher Education. Each city/town may contract with the academy to establish and operate programs for the education and training of individuals to work with special needs individuals. H.E.W.

H-6138 STATEWIDE WAGE AND BENEFIT PACKAGE (Malik & Others) This act would direct the general assembly to negotiate a statewide wage and benefit package for teachers and other school department employees. The state shall fund this obligation through an increase in the income tax, and municipal property taxes shall not be used for such payment. Finance

H6141 EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Ajello & Others) This act would extend the date by which the Joint Legislative Committee to Establish a Permanent Education Foundation Aid Formula would issue a report outlining its findings and recommendations from March 15,2007 to May 15, 2007. **(Enacted as Public Law 12 effective 4/11/07)**

H-6146 SCHOOL HOUSING COSTS (Long & Others) This act would provide that for school housing projects approved after June 30,2003, interest payments may be included for communities with a stand alone investment grade rating of at least A as established by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. Finance

H-6166 LINDSAY ANN BURKE ACT (Naughton & Others) This act would require school districts to implement dating violence procedures. This act would also require school districts to incorporate an age-appropriate dating violence education program for grades 7 through 12 into the district's health education curriculum. H.E.W.

H-6167 ANAPHYLACTIC SHOCK (Fellela & Others) This act would require that there be a 504 plan in effect for any student who is at risk of an anaphylactic shock reaction. H.E.W.

H-6168 SUPPORT FOR FAILING SCHOOLS (McCauley) This act would provide that provisions of this section (Intervention and Support for Failing Schools – GL 16-7.1-5) shall not alter or affect rights or remedies of school employees provided under federal, state, or local laws or collective bargaining agreements. H.E.W.

H-6178 STATE LOTTERY FUNDS: SCHOOL AID (Ucci & Others) This act would mandate that all remaining revenues in the state lottery fund after certain payments have been made be placed in a restricted receipts account to be used only for state aid to education. Finance

H-6179 UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM (Crowley & Others) This act would establish a 'Universal Breakfast Program' for all Rhode Island school students regardless of family income. An implementation schedule is specified to be phased-in during the years 2007-2010. Finance

H-6180 STATEWIDE UNIFORM PUBLIC TEACHERS' CONTRACTS (Crowley & Others) This act would authorize the Commissioner and Board of Regents of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and implement a statewide teachers' contract. Finance

H-6235 YOUTH FINANCIAL EDUCATION (Church & Others) This joint resolution would create a Special Legislative Commission to Study Youth Personal Financial Education. Finance

H-6257 SCHOOL SPRINKLERS (Ucci & Others) This act would exempt schools in Cumberland, Lincoln, Johnston and Cranston that were in existence prior to February 20, 2004, from the requirement that fire sprinklers be installed. H.E.W.

H-6277 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AID (Menard & Others) This act would require all municipalities or school districts that receive state aid for new school construction projects to reimburse the state an amount up to their proportional share of school housing support when they sell the old replaced school and property. Finance

H-6279 STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (Mumford & Others) This act would require a report on the subject of statewide transportation of students with special needs to be submitted by March 30, 2008, by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. H.E.W.

H-6313 TRANSPORTATION FOR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS (Sullivan & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to study transportation for afterschool and childcare programs. Placed on Calendar

H-6317 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Carter & Scott) This act would require that DCYF pay for the special education expenses of children placed by DCYF in group homes who receive special education. Finance

H-6318 INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (Brien & Others) This resolution would memorialize the Congress of the United States to fulfill its commitment of 40% federal funding in its reauthorization of the "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act". Finance

H-6336 EDUCATIONAL MANDATES (Segal & Others) This act would provide that no new state educational mandate would be issued without adequate and commensurate funding by and from the state to insure that the city/town is able to pay for such mandate. Finance

H-6355 AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS (Diaz & Others) This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to create the Rhode Island Afterschool Fund to be used to award grants to qualified and eligible afterschool programs. Finance

H-6370 AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS (Kilmartin & Others) This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to create the Rhode Island Afterschool Fund to be used to award grants to qualified and eligible afterschool programs. Finance

H-6371 STUDENT TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES (Gablinske & Picard) This act would amend the general laws by adding a chapter entitled "Student Transportation Vehicles". Definitions, vehicle standards, required equipment, and rules of operation for pupil transportation vehicles are provided in this act. H.E.W.

H-6440 NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND COLLABORATIVE (Winfield & Others) This act would grant specific powers to the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative as a nonprofit corporation, including those provided by the "Rhode Island Nonprofit Corporation Act" (G.L. sec. 7-6-1), and the power to create a wholly-owned subsidiary entity. H.E.W.

H-6478 FOOD ALLERGIES (Fellela & Others) This act would require the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Director of the Department of Health to create guidelines for the management of students with life-threatening food allergies, and require every school committee to implement a plan based on these guidelines. H.E.W.

H-6501 CHILDREN WITH AUTISM (Palumbo & Others) This resolution would create a special House commission to study the education of children with autism in the State of Rhode Island. Read and Passed

H-6539 EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Ajello & Others) This act would establish a new system for the support of public education in Rhode Island based upon an objective assessment of student needs, and designed to assure predictability and accountability in the funding and delivery of meaningful educational opportunity to all students in all communities throughout the state. Finance

S-2am SCHOOL-BASED SURVEILLANCE (Revens & Others) This resolution would request the Department of Education in conjunction with the Department of Health to develop a standardized syndromic school-based surveillance reporting system. **(Enacted as Resolution 6 effective 1/3/07)**

S-4 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that school bus emergency brakes, commencing with model year 2009, be equipped with an interlock brake system that, once applied, may only be released when the brake pedal is depressed and the key is inserted into the ignition lock. Corporations

S-13 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that the state provide funding for the special education needs of a child who moves into a city/town after the school committee adopts its budget for the school year. Finance

S-14 SCHOOL-TO-CAREER PROGRAM (Tassoni & Others) This act would provide a tax credit of 10% of the expenses, up to \$200, to qualified employers that participate in a "Qualified School-to-Career Program". Finance

S-61 EDUCATIONAL MANDATES (Blais & Others) This act would require that educational mandates be fully funded. Lack of full and adequate funding shall be an absolute defense against an action seeking enforcement. Education

S-69 STUDENT INVESTMENT INITIATIVE (Fogarty & Others) This act would increase school district aid by 5% over the amount distributed in FY 2006 including aid distributed under certain enumerated investment funds of the student investment initiative. Finance

S-70 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (Fogarty and Paiva-Weed) This act would require the state to annually pay for the tuition and related costs for students attending an elementary or secondary vocational education school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Municipalities would not be required to make any such payments. Finance

S-71 COOPERATIVE SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS (Fogarty & Others) This act would require the board of regents for elementary and secondary education to provide special grants to pay for cooperative service arrangements. Finance

S-81 SCHOOL HEALTH: SNACKS AND BEVERAGES (Sosnowski & Others) This act would require all senior high schools that sell or distribute beverages and snacks on their premises, including those sold through vending machines, to offer healthier beverages and snacks effective January 1, 2008. Education

S-128 PLAYGROUND SAFETY (Blais) This act would provide grants to cities/towns for projects undertaken specifically to comply with the Department of Education's and the Department of Health's joint health and environment recreational facility safety regulations and /or to provide access for people with disabilities. Finance

S-129 SMOKING IN SCHOOLS (Doyle & Others) This act would prohibit the use of tobacco products in any playground primarily used by children. Health & Human Services

S-157 GRANTS AND GIFTS (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow school departments and school committees to accept donations, gifts and grants, and utilize and dispose of them in accordance with the express terms or conditions stipulated. Education

S-160 BOOKS AND OTHER READING MATERIAL (McCaffrey & Walaska) This act would exempt books and other reading material from sales and use taxes. Finance

- S-162 KINDERGARTEN** (Maselli & Others) This act would require all public schools to provide full-time kindergarten programs commencing on August 20, 2010. Finance
- S-179 IMPACT FEES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow cities/towns to assess an impact fee for the impact on education resulting from low and moderate income housing construction. Housing & Municipal Government
- S-238 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Blais) This act would remove the current moratorium prohibiting the Board of Regents from granting final approval for any new charter schools to begin operations in the 2007-2008 school year. Education
- S-239 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Issa & Others) This act would lift the moratorium against granting final approval for new charter schools in Providence, Pawtucket, Central Falls, and Woonsocket for the 2008-2009 school year. Education
- S-240 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Doyle & Others) This act would continue the moratorium against granting final approval for new charter schools in school districts with less than 9,000 students enrolled, but would permit the granting of final approval in school districts with 9,000 or more students enrolled. Education
- S-275 CLOSING OF SCHOOLS: ELECTIONS** (Breene) This act would eliminate the requirement that public schools be closed on statewide primary election days. Judiciary
- S-309 SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS** (Ciccone & Others) This act would require that all school athletic directors hold the position full-time as athletic administrators. Education
- S-310 SCHOOL BUDGETS** (Levesque) This act would amend the provisions of the general laws permitting school committees to seek additional appropriations by bringing an action in Superior Court. Instead, school committees would be able to appeal for a hearing at the Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education, and, if needed, may seek a final departmental review before the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. Education
- S-361 EDUCATION MANDATES** (Tassoni & Others) This resolution would create a special legislative commission to make a comprehensive study of the affect state and federal mandates have on education and finances of school districts. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues
- S-362 SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS** (DaPonte & Moura) This resolution urges the Governor to support a cap of \$20,000 on the cost of educating each individual special education student at the local level. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-391 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Moura & DaPonte) This act would give the presumption of validity to a school district in hearings before the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education when a school district determines that a child is no longer a resident of that district for purposes of public education. Education

S-393 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Gallo & Others) This act would permit any career/technical charter public schools which enroll special education students from outside school districts with verifiable individual education program designations to receive from the sending district the average per pupil special education cost of the sending district. Education

S-394 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Issa & Maselli) This act would provide that the discipline for any public school student who is in possession of or uses alcohol, drugs, or weapons would be imposed on a case-by-case basis pursuant to guidelines promulgated by the school committee for that district. Education

S-426 EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT (Moura & DaPonte) This act would provide for the reimbursement of extraordinary services equal to 90% of extraordinary special education expenditures payable to school districts each fiscal year. Finance

S-427 STATE MANDATES (DaPonte & Moura) This act would allow school committees to seek relief from state mandates that are unfunded and which exceed federal limits and guidelines by bringing an action in Superior Court. Finance

S-429 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Moura & DaPonte) This act would require the state to appropriate to the cities/towns \$25,000 for each bed in a group home or other residential facility for reimbursement of educational costs. Finance

S-432 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (DaPonte & Moura) This act would require a reimbursement for educational costs of \$32,000 per "bed" for all group homes or other residential facility "beds" located at or associated with Bradley Hospital to the local community or the legal education authority. Finance

S-450 SCHOOL HEALTH: SNACKS AND BEVERAGES (Algiere & Gibbs) This act would require all senior high schools that sell or distribute beverages and snacks on their premises, including those sold through vending machines, to offer healthier beverages and snacks effective January 1, 2008. Health & Human Services

S-461 SCHOOL COMMITTEES: LEGAL COUNSEL (Ciccione & Others) This act would authorize elected school committees to retain the services of independent legal counsel as they may deem necessary and convenient. Judiciary

S-480 ASSAULT (Tassoni & Others) This act would make an assault upon school bus drivers a felony. Judiciary

S-501 SUPPORT FOR FAILING SCHOOLS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would provide that the provisions of this section (Intervention and Support for Failing Schools – GL 16-7.1-5) shall not alter or affect rights or remedies of school employees provided under federal, state, or local laws or collective bargaining agreements. Labor

S-555 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that when a pupil for whom a community receives state special education aid is transferred to another host community during the school year, and the placement is such that the new host community would be responsible for the education of this pupil, the state education aid provided shall be divided on a pro-rata basis between the two communities. Education

S-556 PUPIL TRANSPORT VEHICLE (Tassoni & Others) This act would allow the use of school pupil transport vehicles for the transport of 8 or fewer pupils to and from school and school related services by creating a section in the general laws governing the operation and standards for such vehicles. Education

S-559 SCHOOL BUDGETS (Levesque) This act would amend the provisions of the general laws permitting school committees to seek additional appropriations by bringing an action in Superior Court. Instead, school committees would be able to appeal for a hearing at the Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education, and, if needed, may seek a final departmental review before the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. Education

S-560 SCHOOLS: PESTICIDE CONTROLS (Perry & Others) This act would protect children from exposure to lawn care pesticides by prohibiting the application of such at schools and day care centers. Environment & Agriculture

S-570 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Sosnowski & Others) This act would require that when a pupil for whom a community receives state education aid is placed in foster care or in a group home in another community during the school year, and the placement is such that the new host community would be responsible for the education of said pupil, the state education aid provided for said pupil would be divided on a pro-rata basis between the two communities. Finance

S-571 TAX CREDITS (Perry & Others) This act would establish a tax credit for a “Public Education Partnership Fund”, which is defined as a charitable organization that is established by a public school to provide supplemental education programs to public school students in partnership with corporate contributors. Finance

S-581 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Sosnowski & Others) This act would require that when a pupil for whom a community receives state education aid is placed in foster care or in a group home in another community during the school year, and the placement is such that the new host community would be responsible for the education of said pupil, the state education aid provided for said pupil would be divided on a pro-rata basis between the two communities. This act also requires state educational aid for specialized group homes created by DCYF. Finance

S-586 RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Levesque & Gallo) This act would mandate that city/town school systems in which students are placed in foster care or in group homes by DCYF shall receive an increase in state aid if there is an increased enrollment. Finance

S-596 SCHOOL HOUSING COSTS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would provide that for school housing projects approved after June 30, 2003, interest payments may be included for communities with a stand alone investment grade rating of at least A as established by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. Finance

S-599 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (Paiva-Weed & Others) This act would require the state to annually pay for the tuition and related costs for students attending an elementary or secondary vocational education school. The payments would be made directly to the respective schools. Municipalities would not be required to make any such payments. Finance

S-646 DIABETIC STUDENTS (Levesque) This act would require school departments to develop policies and procedures for administering injections to diabetic students in the event of an emergency. The policies would include parent authorization and the training of school personnel. Health & Human Services

S-737 SCHOOL COMMITTEES: LEGAL COUNSEL (Levesque) This act would authorize elected school committees to retain the services of independent legal counsel as they deem necessary and convenient. Judiciary

S-803 SCHOOL BUDGETS (Paiva-Weed) This act would provide that in the event of a negative vote by the appropriating authority of a school district the school committee would, instead of having the right to seek additional appropriations by bringing an action in Superior court, request nonbinding fact-finding and mediation. If a budget dispute continues after the fact-finding and mediation process is completed, an education budget resolution committee would be appointed and empowered to render a binding decision within 30 days after it is established. Education

S-844 SCHOOL HOUSING COSTS (Sosnowski) This act would provide that for school housing projects approved after June 30, 2003, interest payments may be included for communities with a stand alone investment grade credit rating of at least A as established by Fitch Ratings, Ltd., Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's Rating Service. Finance

S-875 LINDSAY ANN BURKE ACT (Lanzi & Others) This act would require school districts to implement dating violence procedures. This act would also require school districts to incorporate an age-appropriate dating violence education program for grades 7 through 12 into the district's health education curriculum. Judiciary

S-896 EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (Gallo & Others) This act would extend the date by which the Joint Legislative Committee to Establish a Permanent Education Foundation Aid Formula would issue a report outlining its findings and recommendations from March, 15, 2007 to May 15, 2007. **(Enacted as Public Law 10 effective 4/6/07)**

S-900 TEACHERS' TENURE (Issa) This act would require school districts to retain teachers with lower seniority when necessary to comply with the "No Child Left Behind Act" because they are deemed more qualified for the position than teachers of earlier appointment. Education

S-923 STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (Paiva-Weed) This act would require a report on the subject of statewide transportation of students with special needs to be submitted by March 30, 2008, by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Education

S-925 UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM (Levesque & Others) This act would establish a 'Universal Breakfast Program' for all Rhode Island school students regardless of family income. An implementation schedule is specified to be phased-in during the years 2007-2010. Finance

S-926 CLOSING OF SCHOOLS: ELECTIONS (Sheehan) This act would eliminate the requirement that public schools be closed on statewide primary election days. Judiciary

S-928 ASSAULT (Cote) This act would make an assault upon school bus drivers a felony. Judiciary

S-953 SCHOOL HOUSING COSTS (Alves) This act would require that school housing bonds issued by municipal public buildings authorities would require a joint resolution of approval from the General Assembly. Finance

S-959 TRANSPORTATION FOR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS (Gallo & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to study transportation for afterschool and child care programs. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-964 AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS (Gallo & Others) This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to create the Rhode Island Afterschool Fund to be used to award grants to qualified and eligible afterschool programs. Finance

- S-968 SCHOOL SPRINKLERS** (Maselli & Others) This act would exempt schools in Cumberland, Lincoln, Johnston and Cranston that were in existence prior to February 20, 2004, from the requirement that fire sprinklers be installed. Housing & Municipal Government
- S-992 EDUCATIONAL MANDATES** (Jabour & Others) This act would provide that no new state educational mandate would be issued without adequate and commensurate funding by and from the state to insure that the city/town is able to pay for such mandate. Education
- S-993 KINDERGARTEN ATTENDANCE** (Moura & Maselli) This act would authorize school departments to admit children into their kindergarten programs even though those children have not reached age 5 by September 1, of the school year. Such admissions would be made in accordance with guidelines promulgated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Education
- S-998 UNIVERSAL BREAKFAST PROGRAM** (Moura) This act would establish a 'Universal Breakfast Program' for all Rhode Island school students regardless of family income. An implementation schedule is specified to be phased-in during the years 2007-2010. Finance
- S-1053 MANDATORY DRILLS** (Paiva-Weed & Algieri) This act would require 2 evacuation drills and 2 lockdown drills to be included among the 15 mandatory drills which schools must conduct each year. Housing & Municipal Government
- S-1061 STUDENT DISCIPLINE CODES** (Tassoni & Others) This act would expand the definition of what constitutes "harassment, intimidation, and bullying" under student discipline codes to include electronic communication. This act would also make repeated violations of policies adopted relative to student discipline grounds for filing a petition in family court for a determination of waywardness or delinquency. Judiciary
- S-1063 INTERNET SAFETY CURRICULA** (Tassoni) This joint resolution would request the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop internet safety curricula for students in grades K-12. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues
- S-1067 NORTHERN RHODE ISLAND COLLABORATIVE** (Tassoni) This act would grant specific powers to the Northern Rhode Island Collaborative as a nonprofit corporation, including those provided by the "Rhode Island Nonprofit Corporation Act" (G.L. sec. 7-6-1), and the power to create a wholly-owned subsidiary entity. Housing & Municipal Government
- S-1112 EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF** (Gallo & Others) This act would establish a new system for the support of public education in Rhode Island based upon an objective assessment of student needs, and designed to assure predictability and accountability in the funding and delivery of meaningful educational opportunity to all students in all communities throughout the state. Finance

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H-5052 POLL WORKERS (San Bento & Others) This act would create consistency within the primary elections and the conduct of elections chapters regarding checkers, runners and watchers. It would also allow for all political parties to have checkers, runners and watchers at the polls. Judiciary

H-5088 NOMINATION SIGNATURES (Wasylyk & Lima) This act would disqualify all the signatures contained on a nomination paper if it is determined that one voter has signed more than just his/her own signature on a nomination sheet. Judiciary

H-5320 REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (DeSimone & Wasylyk) This act would reduce the waiting period required for disaffiliation from a political party from 90 days to 29 days preceding the primary election. Judiciary

H-5472 REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Singleton & Others) This act would require persons to provide certified documentary proof of citizenship before being placed on a voting list. Judiciary

H-5478 CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT (Ajello & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Conduct of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies". Judiciary

H-5504 IDENTIFICATION AT ELECTIONS (Story & Others) This act would require that every person, before they receive their ballot, produce either one form of identification with their name, address and photograph, or two forms of identification that bear the name and address of that person. Judiciary

H-5507 RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS (Segal & Others) This act would require the Secretary of State to notify by mail all persons who become eligible to vote and are currently incarcerated of their rights under the "Rhode Island Restoration of Voting Rights Act". Judiciary

H-5621 ELECTION OFFENSES (Sullivan & Others) This act would establish the crime of voter intimidation and suppression. This act would also create a voters bill of rights, and a manual of uniform polling procedures to be made available at every precinct to guide local election officials. Judiciary

H-5636 PRIMARY ELECTION 2008 (Pacheco & Others) This act would move the presidential preference primary scheduled for March 18, 2008, to February 5, 2008. Judiciary

H-5653 LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITY (Gallison & Others) This act would allow officers and employees of a city/town to serve as members of a local canvassing authority in a city/town where they are not employed. Judiciary

H-5776 PRIMARIES (Malik) This act would eliminate all primaries held within the state of Rhode Island, except for presidential primaries. Judiciary

H-5874 HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION OFFICIALS (Dennigan & Others) This act would allow high school juniors and seniors to be appointed as election officials if the students possess certain designated qualifications. Judiciary

H-6011 VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (Melo & Others) This act would amend and/or repeal certain provisions regarding the appointment or election of voting officials in certain towns and districts, pursuant to recommendations from the Board of Elections. Judiciary

H-6012 MAIL BALLOTS (Melo & Others) This act would amend the criteria used for determining the validity of mail ballots. Judiciary

H-6013 REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Melo & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Registration of Voters". Judiciary

H-6015 TELEPHONE – POLLING PLACE (Melo & Others) This act would clarify two conflicting sections on the availability of telephones at polling places. Every polling place would have a telephone available for use by election officials for official functions. Judiciary

H-6016 PRIMARY ELECTIONS (Melo & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Primary Elections". Judiciary

H-6017 CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS (Melo & Others) This act would make changes to the general laws relating to the commencement of vote counting on any election day, and the reporting of the number of write-in votes cast. Judiciary

H-6018 VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS (Melo & Others) This act would amend the timetable in which moderators or clerks are to be sworn in for an election, and would provide that certain designated members of a candidate's family cannot be appointed as election officials including as moderator or clerk. Judiciary

H-6019 COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS (Melo & Others) This act would give the local board of canvassers more discretion to exercise its authority to combine two or more voting districts. Judiciary

H-6021 CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT (Melo & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Conduct of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies". Judiciary

H-6022 REGISTRATION CARDS (Melo & Others) This act would amend the section of law relative to the use, storage, and certification of registration cards used at polling places, and would repeal the section allowing the issuance of temporary registration certificates. Judiciary

H-6023 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS (Melo & Others) This act would provide that the State Board of Elections would no longer be responsible for furnishing binders, forms, cabinets and other supplies for the operation of the system of permanent registration of voters. Judiciary

H-6133 REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Lewiss & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Registration of Voters". It would also repeal redundant provisions of the general law chapter entitled "Primary Elections". Judiciary

H-6160 NOMINATION PAPERS (Pacheco & Others) This act would provide local boards of canvassers with nominations papers electronically through the Secretary of State's office, and a certification process for nomination papers through the use of the central voter registration system. Judiciary

H-6194 VOTER CHOICE ACT (Segal & Pacheco) This act would establish a voter choice study group to explore the possible use of advanced voting methods for electing candidates in this state. This act would also define what constitute advanced voting methods, which essentially use non-traditional forms of voting to produce the winner of an election by majority vote. Judiciary

H-6215 REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (Pacheco & Others) This act would create pre-registration procedures for persons who are 16 or 17 years of age. Judiciary

H-6224 POLITICAL LITERATURE (Gablinske) This act would extend the distance within which political literature could not be distributed from 50 feet to 200 feet from the entrances to a building in which voting is being conducted in a primary or election. Judiciary

H-6228 CENTRAL REGISTRATION REGISTER (Lewiss & Others) This act would repeal Sec. 42-8-22 entitled "Central Registration Register" because of the adoption of the statewide central voter register as authorized by Sec. 17-6-1.2 of the chapter entitled "Secretary of State". Judiciary

H-6229 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES (Lewiss & Others) This act would bring filing dates into conformance with national party rules for presidential preference primaries, and insert language covering the validation of nomination papers. Judiciary

- H-6386 DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY** (Vaudreuil) This act would prohibit a person from either being certified by the state board or local board, or being eligible to file nomination papers for more than one office, either state or local, in any party primary, general election or special election. Judiciary
- S-20 REGISTRATION OF VOTERS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would reduce the waiting period required for disaffiliation from a political party from 90 days to 29 days preceding the primary election. Judiciary
- S-45 PARTY DESIGNATION** (Cote & Others) This act would amend the disaffiliation procedure that currently occurs when voting in a primary election. Judiciary
- S-189 LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITY** (Felag & Others) This act would allow officers and employees of a city/town to serve as members of a local canvassing authority in a city/town where they are not employed. Judiciary
- S-190 NOMINATION PAPERS** (McCaffrey & Walaska) This act would provide that nomination papers would not be necessary for any candidate for any election in which there are no other declared candidates for that particular office. Judiciary
- S-283 IDENTIFICATION AT ELECTIONS** (Gibbs & Others) This act would require that every person, before they receive their ballot, produce either one form of identification with their name, address and photograph, or two forms of identification that bear the name and address of that person. Judiciary
- S-294 INSPECTION OF RECOUNTED BALLOTS** (Gibbs & Others) This act would allow a candidate to inspect all ballots, including mail ballots, when eligibility for a recount has been approved. Judiciary
- S-695 ELECTION OFFENSES** (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish the crime of voter intimidation and suppression. This act would also create a voters bill of rights, and a manual of uniform polling procedures to be made available at every precinct to guide local election officials. Judiciary
- S-702 PRIMARY ELECTIONS** (McCaffrey & Raptakis) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled "Primary Elections". Judiciary
- S-708 REGISTRATION CARDS** (McCaffrey & Raptakis) This act would amend the section of law relative to the use, storage, and certification of registration cards used at polling places, and would repeal the section allowing issuance of temporary registration certificates. Judiciary
- S-715 MAIL BALLOTS** (McCaffrey & Raptakis) This act would amend the criteria used for determining the validity of mail ballots. Judiciary

- S-717 TELEPHONE – POLLING PLACE** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would clarify two conflicting sections on the availability of telephones at polling places. Every polling place would have a telephone available for use by election officials for official functions. Judiciary
- S-719 REGISTRATION OF VOTERS** (McCaffrey & Raptakis) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled “Registration of Voters”. Judiciary
- S-721 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS** (McCaffrey & Raptakis) This act would provide that the State Board of Elections would no longer be responsible for furnishing binders, forms, cabinets and other supplies for the operation of the system of permanent registration of voters. Judiciary
- S-722 CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT** (McCaffrey & Raptakis) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled “Conduct of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies”. Judiciary
- S-723 COMBINATION OF VOTING DISTRICTS** (McCaffrey & Raptakis) This act would give the local board of canvassers more discretion to exercise its authority to combine two or more voting districts. Judiciary
- S-740 PRIMARY ELECTION 2008** (Raptakis & Others) This act would move the presidential preference primary scheduled for March 18, 2008, to February 5, 2008. Judiciary
- S-747 CONDUCT OF ELECTION AND VOTING EQUIPMENT** (Moura & Others) This act would make various amendments to the general law chapter entitled “Conduct of Election and Voting Equipment, and Supplies”. Judiciary
- S-750 VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS** (McCaffrey & Raptakis) This act would amend the timetable in which moderators or clerks are to be sworn in for an election, and would provide that certain designated members of a candidate’s family cannot be appointed as election officials including as moderator or clerk. Judiciary
- S-751 VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would amend and/or repeal certain provisions regarding the appointment or election of voting officials in certain towns and districts, pursuant to recommendations from the Board of Elections. Judiciary
- S-754 CERTIFICATION OF RETURNS** (McCaffrey & Raptakis) This act would make changes to the general laws relating to the commencement of vote counting on any election day, and the reporting of the number of write-in votes cast. Judiciary

S-760 DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY (Goodwin) This act would add language to the general law section entitled "Declarations of Candidacy", clarifying that an individual cannot file a declaration of candidacy for more than one elected public office, either state or local, in the same election cycle, and the filing of a declaration thereby withdraws any previously filed declaration for an elected public office. Judiciary

S-765 PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES (Raptakis & Others) This act would bring filing dates into conformance with national party rules for presidential preference primaries, and insert language governing the validation of nomination papers. Judiciary

S-776 HIGH SCHOOL ELECTION OFFICIALS (Doyle & Others) This act would allow high school juniors and seniors to be appointed as election officials if the students possess certain designated qualifications. Judiciary

S-874 TABULATION OF RETURNS (McCaffrey) This act would require that the opening, counting, canvassing and tabulation of mail ballots be done within a railed space which is open to public viewing. This act would also repeal the provision of the general laws allowing candidates or their representatives to view the ballots. Judiciary

ENVIRONMENT

H-5037 RHODE ISLAND CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007 (Walsh & Others) This act would phase-out use of cesspools that present the highest risks to public health and/or the environment. It also amends the "Real Estate Sales Disclosure" chapter of the general laws by adding a cesspool inspection requirement. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5300 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 31 MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES This article sets the municipal tipping fee @ \$32 per ton for FY 2008. Finance

H-5300 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 50 BAY, RIVERS AND WATERSHED COORDINATION TEAM

This article requires collection of a uniform septage disposal fee at all disposal facilities in the state by facility operators, which fee would be remitted to the state for deposit in the Bay, Rivers and Watershed Fund. Finance

H-5310 COASTAL RESOURCES (Ginaitt & Others) This act would create High Priority Conservation and Restoration Areas and a Metro Bay Region, and would provide that funds collected under the Urban Coastal Greenways Program for the Metro Bay Region would only be available for coastal restoration and/or habitat conservation of a designated High Priority Conservation or Restoration Area within the Metro Bay Region. Finance

H-5321 SMOKING (Lewiss & Others) This act would prohibit smoking on public beaches in the state. Judiciary

H-5415 MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES (Savage & Others) This act would lower the per ton municipal tipping fees paid by municipalities to the R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation based on the percentage of solid waste that is recycled by the municipality. Finance

H-5437 AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS (Shanley & Others) This act would require the Division of Agriculture to establish a list by city/town of agricultural operations that have a current Level II certificate of exemption by March 1 of each year, and would provide a copy of said list to each city/town by April 15 of each year. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5452 MUNICIPAL WASTE DISPOSAL (Walsh & Scott) This act would prohibit the Resource Recovery Corporation from charging municipalities for material brought to the landfill, and to refund any tipping fees paid by the municipalities within the last 5 years. The cost of municipal solid waste disposal would be borne by the state. Finance

H-5488 TIPPING FEES AT THE LANDFILL (Church & Others) This act would make changes in the landfill tipping fees paid by municipalities by removing the 7.5% yearly increase. Finance

H-5574 DIESEL EMISSIONS (Ginaitt & Others) This act would create the "Diesel Emissions Reduction Act of 2008". Its provisions would include the use of diesel retrofit devices for waste haulers, and requirements to be met to reduce emissions from school by buses. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5578 PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES (Ginaitt & Others) This act would require community public water systems as well as non-community public water systems to prepare cross-connection control plans. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5746 RHODE ISLAND CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007 (Ehrhardt) This act would phase-out use of cesspools that present the highest risks to public health and/or the environment. It also amends the "Real Estate Sales Disclosure" chapter of the general laws by adding a cesspool inspection requirement. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5782 NATURAL RESOURCE VIOLATIONS (Ehrhardt) This act would establish a new chapter entitled "Enforcement of Certain Natural Resource Violations". It provides that certain environmental offenses are declared to be civil violations which would be within the jurisdiction of the Traffic Tribunal. Judiciary

H-5786 PARKING AT RIGHTS-OF-WAY (Kilmartin & Gallison) This act would require cities/towns to provide free parking on land close to or adjacent to CRMC designated rights-of-way along the Rhode Island shore. Municipal Government

H-5788 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Ehrhardt & Gorham) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of power considerations. Separation of Powers

H-5846 SCHOOL BUSES (Amaral) This act would create idling standards for diesel powered school buses, and would establish fines for violations of this chapter. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6031 NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION (Gorham & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Narragansett Bay Commission in accordance with the separation of powers amendment to the state Constitution. Separation of Powers

H-6143 STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS (Sullivan & Others) This act would establish the "Smart Development for a Cleaner Bay Act of 2007" that would deal with the proper control and treatment of stormwater. It would require every city/town council that is required to prepare a stormwater management plan by RIPDES to prepare the plan and enact stormwater control ordinances to implement the plan within one year of the promulgation of new stormwater management standards by DEM. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6207 PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES (Moffitt & Others) This act would require community public water systems as well as non-community public water systems to prepare cross-connection control plans. Environment and Natural Resources

H-6211 MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES (Menard & Others) This act would abolish the requirement that the contract between the R.I. Resource Recovery Corporation and the municipality establish a maximum amount of municipal solid waste that the municipality would be entitled to deliver at the municipal tipping fee. Finance

H-6255 ENERGY FACILITY SITING (Fox) This act would amend the provision regarding the maximum funding local communities may seek to perform studies of the local environmental effects of a proposed facility for the generation of electricity. Corporations

H-6265 NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION (DeSimone & Others) This act would clarify the status of the Narragansett Bay Commission as a governmental agency and public instrumentality of the municipalities within the district, and would now include the Blackstone Valley area under the authority of the Commission. It also amends the composition and appointment of members provisions. This act would also repeal sections of the general laws relating to the Commission's borrowing and other financial operations. Separation of Powers

H-6266 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (DeSimone & Others) This act would repeal general law Chapter 46-23 entitled "Coastal Resources Management Council", and replace it with the newly created and identically titled Chapter 46-23.3. Separation of Powers

H-6308 SOLID WASTE REUSE LEGISLATION (Palumbo & Others) This resolution would create a special house oversight commission to undertake a comprehensive study of the enactment of solid waste reuse legislation. Placed on Calendar

H-6375 MEDICAL WASTE (Williamson) Residues from medical waste that has been treated and destroyed at a facility located in Rhode Island would be considered solid waste generated inside the territorial limits of this state. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6406 PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY (Ajello & Others) This act would allow water supply systems regulated by the Public Utilities Commission and owned by municipalities to be given a reasonable rate of return on their gross annual revenues as part of their rates as set and approved by the Public Utilities Commission. Corporations

H-6550 PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES (Fox & Others) This act would authorize the adoption of certain regulations, and the establishment of accounts and incentives to encourage and promote water conservation. Finance

H-6556 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (DeSimone) This resolution would request the Justices of the Supreme Court to give a written opinion upon certain questions of law relative to separation of powers issues concerning the General Assembly and the Coastal Resources Management Council. Separation of Powers

S-243 RHODE ISLAND CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007 (Gibbs) This act would phase-out use of cesspools that present the highest risks to public health and/or the environment. It also amends the "Real Estate Disclosure" chapter of the general laws by adding a cesspool inspection requirement. Environment & Agriculture

S-376 PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES (Breene) This act would require community public water systems as well as non-community public water systems to prepare cross-connection control plans. Corporations

S-399 AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would require the Division of Agriculture to establish a list by city/town of agricultural operations which have a current Level II certificate of exemption by March 1 of each year, and would provide a copy of said list to each city/town by April 15 of each year. Environment & Agriculture

S-441 SMOKING (Perry & Others) This act would prohibit smoking on public beaches in the state. Health & Human Services

S-462 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Blais) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. Judiciary

S-490 NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION (Blais) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Narragansett Bay Commission in accordance with the separation of powers amendment to the state Constitution. Judiciary

S-492 NATURAL RESOURCE VIOLATIONS (Blais) This act would establish a new chapter entitled "Enforcement of Certain Natural Resource Violations". It provides that certain environmental offenses are declared to be civil violations which would be within the jurisdiction of the Traffic Tribunal. Judiciary

S-565 RHODE ISLAND CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007 (Gibbs) This act would phase-out use of cesspools that present the highest risks to public health and/or the environment. It also amends the "Real Estate Sales Disclosure" chapter of the general laws by adding a cesspool inspection requirement. Environment & Agriculture

S-566 DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT (Moura & Others) This act would create "The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act". It would contain sections which cover the use of diesel retrofit devices for waste haulers and reduction of emissions from school buses. Environment & Agriculture

S-585 TIPPING FEES AT THE LANDFILL (Doyle & Ruggerio) This act would make changes in the landfill tipping fees paid by municipalities by removing the 7.5% yearly increase. This act would also make costs associated with participation in the state program subject to the fiscal note and state mandate provisions of the general laws. Finance

S-852 COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (Sosnowski & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. It would also eliminate the Coastal Resources Advisory Committee, and add reporting and training requirements. Government Oversight

S-881 NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION (DaPonte) This act would clarify the status of the Narragansett Bay Commission as a governmental agency and public instrumentality of the municipalities within the district. It also amends the composition and appointment of members provisions. This act would also repeal sections of the general laws relating to the Commission's borrowing and other financial operations. Judiciary

S-882 NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION (DaPonte) This act would remove members of the General Assembly from the Narragansett Bay Commission, and would institute reporting and training requirements for the Commission. Judiciary

S-996 PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY (Perry & Others) This act would allow water supply systems regulated by the Public Utilities Commission and owned by municipalities to be given a reasonable rate of return on their gross annual revenues as part of their rates as set and approved by the Public Utilities Commission. Finance

S-1098 WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND PROTECTION ACT (Lenihan & Others) This act would make substantial changes relating to the planning and protection of drinking water and water supply in the state. Environment and Agriculture

S-1144 RHODE ISLAND CESSPOOL ACT OF 2007 (Sosnowski & Gibbs) This act would phase-out use of cesspools that present the highest risks to public health and/or the environment. It also amends the "Real Estate Sales Disclosure" chapter of the general laws by adding a cesspool inspection requirement. Immediate Consideration

FINANCE & TAXATION

H-5016 PROPERTY EXEMPT: EMISSIONS EQUIPMENT (Corvese) This act would exempt motor vehicle emissions inspection equipment mandated by law and used by emission inspection stations from property taxation. Finance

H-5119 REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Pacheco & Others) This act would increase the amount of monies which municipalities receive from the real estate conveyance tax from \$1.10 to \$1.40 per every \$2.00 of the face value of the stamps. Finance

H-5151 SEWAGE CHARGES (Flaherty & Others) This act would exempt any buildings used for religious worship and up to 5 acres of land immediately surrounding them from municipal sewage charges. Municipal Government

H-5174 PAYMENT IN LIEU (Mattiello & Others) This act would increase the PILOT program from 27% to 27.5% to cities/towns in which certain private nonprofit or state owned property is located. Finance

H-5192 EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES (San Bento & Gallison) This act would grant a \$100 excise tax exemption to motor vehicles meeting certain specifically enumerated criteria. Finance

H-5219 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Winfield) This act would extend the veterans' tax exemption to disabled veterans' spouses, and the spouses shall retain the benefit as long as they own the property, reside therein, and not remarry. Veterans' Affairs

H-5297 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Petrarca & Others) This act would give cities/towns the option of totally exempting from taxation the homestead real estate of a veteran or surviving spouse, if veteran was honorably discharged and has been totally disabled from a service connected disability. Municipal Government

H-5300 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 25 STATE AID This article would freeze state aid entitlements by community at the same level as in FY 2007; require that the amount of state aid for FY 2009 and each year thereafter would be based on 3% of total state tax revenues; make amendments to the "Distressed Communities Relief Fund"; also cover reference year for support for local public library services; and cover allocation of net terminal income from video lottery terminals as it affects distributions to distressed communities and under general revenue sharing. Finance

H-5378 ANALYSIS OF TAX RELIEF (Jacquard & Others) This act would provide that any city/town which grants an exemption or stabilization of taxes on property used for manufacturing, commercial or residential purposes prepare and publicly release an analysis of the impact of the proposed project receiving the exemption prior to determining if the tax relief will be granted. Finance

H-5425 INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (Kennedy & Others)

This act would clarify and expand the criteria for the issuance of bonds for cities/towns. It would also eliminate the date requirement for certification of the tax roll, and create a reporting requirement for monies borrowed or debt incurred, which report would be submitted to the auditor general. Municipal Government

H-5445 LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES (Loughlin & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to study the method of determining local property taxes and to investigate alternative methods that would be more equitable to property owners. Finance

H-5487 HOTEL TAX (Rice) This act would change the percentages of distribution of the hotel tax on a gradual basis over 4 years. The percentage given the regional tourism districts would be reduced from 47% to 25%, and the percentage given to cities/towns would be increased from 25% to 47%. Additional revenues to cities/towns will be targeted for property tax relief for those on fixed incomes. Finance

H-5588 MAXIMUM LEVY (Segal & Handy) This act affects the maximum tax levy provision by providing that the levy shall be increased by the total of tax credits received by residents of the city/town pursuant to the property tax circuit breaker. Finance

H-5591 HISTORIC STRUCTURES (Ucci & Others) This act would require that additional information be provided in an application for an historic structure tax credit, and that the information be available to the public regarding the economic benefits of the public assistance provided to these historic structures. Finance

H-5606 MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES (Menard & Others)

This act would repeal the exemption from or stabilization of sales and use taxes for municipal economic development zones. Finance

H-5611 SUBSIDIES AND EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXATION (Williamson)

This act would require businesses which receive tax subsidies or exemptions from taxation either from the state or local communities to donate an amount equal to the amount subsidized or exempted to a scholarship fund awarded to Rhode Island residents only. Finance

H-5652 TAX EXEMPTIONS: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY (Scott & Others)

This act would provide that any tax exemption created by the general laws, public laws or municipal ordinances would not be affected by the transfer of ownership interest in the property, if the transferor retains a life estate, leases the property, or continues to reside in the property. Judiciary

H-5696 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES (San Bento & Schadone)

This act would delete provisions of the general laws which authorize municipalities in certain instances to continue to assess and/or collect a development impact fee prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Municipal Government

H-5715 FARM, FOREST, AND OPEN SPACE (Shanley & Others)

This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to study the taxation of farm, forest, and open space land. Finance

H-5718 REVALUATIONS AND UPDATES (Schadone & San Bento)

This act would change the current schedule for the required assessment revaluation of municipal real estate so that revaluations would be required every 8 years instead of the current 9 years, and updated 4 years from the last revaluation not the current 3 years. Finance

H-5729 MAXIMUM LEVY: FIRE DISTRICTS (Sullivan & Others)

This act would make fire districts subject to the same maximum levy provisions that are applied to cities/towns. Municipal Government

H-5787 DEFERMENT OF PROPERTY TAX FOR THE ELDERLY (Kilmartin)

This act would permit city/town councils to provide by ordinance for a deferment of a portion of property taxes on owner-occupied dwelling units which are occupied by persons who are age 65 or older for at least 20 years, and who meet certain income thresholds. Municipal Government

H-5810 COLLECTION OF TAXES (Segal)

This act would provide that all warrants for the collection of taxes shall continue in force for 10 years after the levy or assessment of the tax, unless a timely proceeding in court is commenced which extends the time period for the tax to be collected. Finance

H-5814 REVALUATIONS AND UPDATES (Vaudreuil & Others) This act would amend the current revaluation and update schedules for cities/towns, and upon completion of these schedules then revaluations would be performed every 12 years and updates every 4 years. Finance

H-5834 EXEMPTION OR STABILIZING OF PROPERTY TAXES (Segal & Others) This act would provide that when the State of Rhode Island has an agreement with another state which indicates that tax exemptions or stabilizations of taxes on property cannot be utilized as incentives to induce the relocation of businesses from outside the state to Rhode Island, it cannot be circumvented by an individual city/town. Finance

H-5903 VEHICLE VALUE COMMISSION (Loughlin & Mumford) This act would replace the director of the Department of Transportation or designee as a member of the vehicle value commission with the director of Department of Revenue or designee. Separation of Powers

H-5908 FRANCHISE TAX (McCauley) This act would permit cities/towns to grant nonexclusive franchise rights to telecommunications and cable services, and for them to pay a franchise tax to the granting city/town. Corporations

H-5924 MAXIMUM LEVY (Handy) This act would provide that the maximum amount which a city/town may levy a tax would remain at 5.5% in excess of the amount levied for the prior year thereby repealing the amendments enacted in 2006. This act would also adjust accordingly the appropriation of municipal funds for school purposes. Finance

H-5936 STATE MANDATES (Long & Others) This act would change the date to establish the cost of state mandates from January 1, 1979, to January 1, 1977, and would require that the report by the Department of Administration be due on or before June 6, 2007. Finance

H-5939 MUNICIPAL DEBT COLLECTION (Long & Others) This act would require the state to forward to a municipality any state income tax refund due to a taxpayer to pay for any unpaid municipal taxes owed by the taxpayer. Finance

H-5941 REAL ESTATE TIME-SHARES (Jackson & Others) This act would permit the taxation of time-share developments based on the resale value of interval weeks, as well as any other identifiable and commonly accepted methods of appraisal as a basis for arriving at value conclusions. Finance

H-6029 FARM, FOREST AND OPEN SPACE (Gorham) This act would allow the Rhode Island farm, forest and open space land value subcommittee to recommend the methodology and values for the assessment of land also on the basis of the value of farmhouse lots. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6030 REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Rice) This act would require every city/town to set aside fifty cents of the balance of the real estate conveyance tax retained by the municipality for the acquisition, protection and preservation of open space within the municipality. Municipal Government

H-6100 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Amaral & Loughlin) This act would grant a veterans property tax exemption to persons who served at least 12 months prior to the start of certain actions in certain places {enumerated in section 44-3-4.2(a) },and who were honorably discharged due to a service related injury or illness. Veterans' Affairs

H-6169 MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES (Church & Others) This act would change the fee charged for a municipal lien certificate from not more than \$25.00 for each certificate issued to not more than \$35.00 for each certificate issued. Municipal Government

H-6334 SHARED ECONOMIC GROWTH ACT (Segal & Others) This act would create "The Shared Economic Growth Act" which would preserve the local tax base through revenue sharing between the state and local communities affected by the acquisition of otherwise taxable property by tax-exempt entities. Finance

H-6339 RELIEF FROM ASSESSMENT (DeSimone & Slater) This act would clarify and codify existing Rhode Island case law regarding the procedure a taxpayer must follow, in each tax assessment year, to contest the validity of any tax. It would also eliminate the use of the estoppel defense in any action to collect a municipal tax levy which taxpayers have been able to raise to avoid collection of a tax. Finance

H-6340 COLLECTION OF TAXES (Slater & Others) This act would require payment of all tangible personal property taxes to the municipality at the time of the sale or transfer of ownership interest in any business, if that interest exceeds 50%, as evidenced by the issuance of a municipal tax certificate. Finance

H-6341 IMPOSITION OF TAX ON MORTGAGES (Slater & Others) This act would enable municipalities to impose a tax on mortgages, trust deeds, security agreements, and other evidences of indebtedness secured by land or other realty. The tax shall be \$2.50 on each \$1,000 of the indebtedness or obligation. At least 50% of the tax collected shall be contributed to a trust established to maintain affordable housing in the city/town or to the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission. Finance

H-6376 PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (Vaudreuil) This act would amend the membership and the designated purposes of the permanent legislative oversight commission on property taxation. Finance

H-6385 ALTERNATIVE PROPERTY VALUATION SYSTEM (Segal & Fox)

This act would provide an alternative property valuation system based on the price at which the property was purchased. For tax purposes only, however, property values would increase each year in accordance with the rate of inflation. Finance

H-6410 REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Diaz & Others) This act would amend provisions of law relative to the tax rate imposed for real estate conveyances, and would amend the method of contribution by which said taxes are to be distributed under the distressed community relief program. Finance

H-6455 HISTORICAL CEMETERIES: TAX CREDITS (Caprio) This act would allow city/town councils to grant a tax credit in a specific dollar amount for labor and materials used in the maintenance and repair of fences or stone walls surrounding an historical cemetery. Municipal Government

S-6 FUEL TAXES (Fogarty & Others) This resolution requests the Governor to exempt Rhode Island cities/towns from paying all fuel taxes. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-15 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Tassoni & Others) This act would give cities/towns the option of totally exempting from taxation the homestead real estate of a veteran or surviving spouse, if veteran was honorably discharged and has been totally disabled from a service connected disability. Finance

S-54 INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWNS AND CITIES (Bates & Others) This act would clarify and expand the criteria for the issuance of bonds for cities/towns. It would also eliminate the date requirement for certification of the tax roll, and create a reporting requirement for monies borrowed or debt incurred, which report would be submitted to the auditor general. Corporations

S-72 MOTOR FUEL TAX (Blais & Breene) This act would allow municipalities using fuel for municipal vehicles, trucks and school buses to file claims for refunds of any motor fuel taxes paid. Finance

S-170 MAXIMUM LEVY: FIRE DISTRICTS (Raptakis & Others) This act would make fire districts subject to the same maximum tax levy provisions that are applied to cities/towns. Finance

S-182 SEWER FEES (McCaffrey & Walaska) This act would subject city/town sewer fees to the approval of the Public Utilities Commission. Housing & Municipal Government

S-247 TAX CLASSIFICATION: FIRE DISTRICTS (Raptakis & Others) This act would permit fire districts, as well as cities/towns, to adopt tax classification plans. Finance

S-263 VEHICLE VALUE COMMISSION (Blais) This act would replace the director of the Department of Transportation or designee as a member of the vehicle value commission with the director of Department of Revenue or designee. Housing & Municipal Government

S-409 PROPERTY REVALUATIONS (Alves & Others) This act would delay for 2 years the revaluation date for cities/towns which were not revaluated in 2006 or earlier, and would eliminate update #2 for cities/towns due in 2008 and thereafter. Upon completion of this amended schedule revaluations would be conducted every 10 years and updates every 5 years. Finance

S-413 HOTEL TAX (Gibbs & Others) This act would change the percentages of distribution of the hotel tax on a gradual basis over 4 years. The percentage given the regional tourism districts would be reduced from 47% to 25%, and the percentage given to cities/towns would be increased from 25% to 47%. Additional revenues to cities/towns will be targeted for property tax relief for those on fixed incomes. Finance

S-431 PAYMENT IN LIEU (Gallo & Others) This act would qualify any municipality which is home to a state courthouse, a registry of motor vehicles, state police headquarters, and any public corporation with more than 25 employees to receive payments in lieu of property tax for these properties. Finance

S-460 DELINQUENT TAXES (Gallo) This act would require cities/towns to notify taxpayers by regular mail if they are delinquent in any quarterly payment. Housing & Municipal Government

S-485 TAX EXEMPTIONS: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY (McBurney) This act would provide that any tax exemption created by the general laws, public laws or municipal ordinances would not be affected by the transfer of ownership interest in the property, if the transferor retains a life estate, leases the property, or continues to reside in the property. Judiciary

S-520 FARM, FOREST, AND OPEN SPACE (Sosnowski & Others) This resolution would create a special legislative commission to study the taxation of farm, forest, and open space land. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-587 EXCISE TAX PHASE-OUT (Jabour & Others) This act would add an exemption from the motor vehicle excise tax for the year 2009 of \$10,000, and the state reimbursement for the exemption would also be \$10,000. The current exemption of \$6,000 would remain unchanged for fiscal year, 2008. Finance

S-598 TAX EXEMPTIONS: TRANSFER OF PROPERTY (Jabour & Moura) This act would provide that any tax exemption created by the general laws, public laws or municipal ordinances would not be affected by the transfer of ownership interest in the property, if the transferor retains a life estate, leases the property, or continues to reside in the property. Finance

S-609 PAYMENT IN LIEU: 27% TO 30% (Ruggerio & Others) This act would increase the PILOT program from 27% to 30% to cities/towns in which certain private nonprofit or state owned property is located. Finance

S-626 MOVIE PRODUCTION TAX (Jabour & Others) This act would impose a 1% tax on the gross revenue of any movie made in Rhode Island. The Council on the Arts would distribute the revenue to each city/town in which the production took place based upon the amount expended per municipality. Finance

S-671 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES (Badeau) This act would delete provisions of the general laws which authorize municipalities in certain instances to continue to assess and/or collect a development impact fee prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Housing & Municipal Government

S-736 COLLECTION OF TAXES (Breene) This act would now require the closing agent in all real estate transactions to transmit all sums due on motor vehicle excise tax certificates to the city/town collector at the time of conveyance of the real estate. Judiciary

S-859 VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS (Felag & Others) This act would grant a veterans property tax exemption to persons who served at least 12 months prior to the start of certain actions in certain places {enumerated in section 44-3-4.2(a) }, and who were honorably discharged due to a service related injury or illness. Finance

S-866 HISTORIC STRUCTURES (Alves) This act would require that additional information be provided in an application for an historic structure tax credit, and that the information be available to the public regarding the economic benefits of the public assistance provided to those historic structures. Finance

S-995 PERMENENT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (Alves) This act would amend the membership and the designated purposes of the permanent legislative oversight commission on property taxation. Finance

S-1013 REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Jabour & Goodwin) This act would amend provisions of law relative to the tax rate imposed for real estate conveyances, and would amend the method of contribution by which said taxes are to be distributed under the distressed community relief program. Judiciary

S-1017 RELIEF FROM ASSESSMENT (Goodwin) This act would clarify and codify existing Rhode Island case law regarding the procedure a taxpayer must follow, in each tax assessment year, to contest the validity of any tax. It would also eliminate the use of the estoppel defense in any action to collect a municipal tax levy which taxpayers have been able to raise to avoid collection of a tax. Judiciary

S-1127 VIDEO SERVICES TAX (Alves) This act would impose a video services tax on subscribers of cable service, etc. of 3% to be distributed to cities/towns. Finance

HOUSING

H-5426 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Kennedy & Others) This act would extend the expiration date of “The Housing Act of 2004 Implementation Oversight Commission” to March 31, 2009. Municipal Government

H-5471 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Singleton & Others) This act would limit eligibility for low and moderate income housing and any other housing assistance to those who legally reside in the state of Rhode Island. Judiciary

H-5509 FAIR HOUSING PROTECTION (Segal & Others) This act would make it an unlawful housing practice to discriminate against persons based upon their source of income in residential real estate transactions, and in the renting of residential housing. Judiciary

H-5695 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Menard & Others) This act would allow cities/towns to count Section 8 housing certificates in their calculations to determine if the city/town has met the quota of housing considered to be low to moderate income housing. Municipal Government

H-5711 HOUSING PLANS (Kennedy & Others) This act would require the 39 cities/towns to submit either a consolidated housing plan or a comprehensive plan housing element to the Division of Statewide Planning to meet the goal that 10% of year round units be low/moderate income housing. Corporations

H-5723 NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (Fox & Others) This act would establish and fund the neighborhood opportunities program to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state’s deteriorating neighborhoods. Finance

H-5794 AFFORDABLE HOUSING (Segal) This act would create the chapter of the general laws entitled “Expedited Permitting for Affordable Housing”. The purpose of this chapter would be to facilitate the implementation of local and state plans for the provision of affordable housing. Corporations

H-5838 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUILDING FUND (Dennigan & Others) This act would establish the “Community Development Corporation Capacity Building Fund Act of 2007” which would have as its purpose the goal to strengthen the development capacity of eligible nonprofit community development corporations which purposes would be further planning, developing or managing of affordable housing or other community development projects. Finance

H-6068 LANDLORD AND TENANT (Kilmartin) This act would provide grounds and procedures for evictions from federally subsidized housing, including violent acts against persons or property and the possession or use of illegal drugs on the rental premises. Judiciary

H-6106 LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION (Trillo & Loughlin) This act would limit the liability of property owners with respect to lead poisoning for any violation reported prior to November 1, 2005. This act would also remove the language “constructed after 1960” from the conditions required to obtain a certificate of presumptive compliance, and would also exclude common areas in condominium complexes that total no more than 9 units. Corporations

H-6107 LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION (Trillo) This act would suspend enforcement of the “Lead Poisoning Prevention Act” until further action by the general assembly. Corporations

H-6341 IMPOSITION OF TAX ON MORTGAGES (Slater & Others) This act would enable municipalities to impose a tax on mortgages, trust deeds, security agreements and other evidences of indebtedness secured by land or other realty. The tax shall be \$2.50 on each \$1,000 of the indebtedness or obligation. At least 50 % of the tax collected shall be contributed to a trust established to maintain affordable housing in the city/town or to the Rhode Island Housing Resources Commission. Finance

H-6407 PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES (Fellela & Others) This act would mandate that the Public Utilities Commission authorize public housing authorities to participate in “business choice programs”, provided certain conditions are met. Corporations

S-133 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Blais & Raptakis) This act would require that year-round mobile homes be included in year-round housing units, and rented year-round mobile homes be included in year-round rental housing units for purposes of determining the need for low and moderate income housing units. Housing & Municipal Government

S-179 IMPACT FEES (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow cities/towns to assess an impact fee for the impact on education resulting from low and moderate income housing construction. Housing & Municipal Government

S-232 PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES (Maselli & Others) This act would mandate that the Public Utilities Commission authorize public housing authorities to aggregate gas consumption in order to participate in “business choice programs”, provided certain conditions are met. Corporations

S-258 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING (Tassoni & Others) This act would extend the expiration date of “The Housing Act of 2004 Implementation Oversight Commission” to March 31, 2009. Housing & Municipal Government

S-424 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUILDING FUND (Perry & Others) This act would establish the "Community Development Corporation Fund Act of 2007" which would have as its purpose the goal to strengthen the development capacity of eligible nonprofit community development corporations which purposes would be further planning, developing or managing of affordable housing or other community development projects. Finance

S-457 AFFORDABLE HOUSING (Miller & Others) This act would create the chapter of the general laws entitled "Expedited Permitting for Affordable Housing". The purpose of this chapter would be to facilitate the implementation of local and state plans for the provision of affordable housing. Housing & Municipal Government

S-484 FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES (Metts & Others) This act would make various amendments to the "Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act" which prohibit discrimination based upon "government assistance recipient status". Judiciary

S-572 NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish and fund the neighborhood opportunities program to address the housing and revitalization needs of the state's deteriorating neighborhoods. Finance

S-668 HOUSING PLANS (Tassoni & Paiva-Weed) This act would require the 39 cities/towns to submit either a consolidated housing plan or a comprehensive plan housing element to the Division of Statewide Planning to meet the goal that 10% of year round units be low/moderate income housing. Housing & Municipal Government

LABOR RELATIONS

H-5090 ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES (San Bento & Petrarca) This act would allow a labor arbitrator to consider the existence of past practice when the collective bargaining agreement contains a provision that preserves existing rights, benefits or practices among the parties. Labor

H-5152 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Flaherty & Others) This act would amend the definition of a "municipal employee" contained in the municipal employees arbitration statute by redefining the employees of authorities exception. Municipal Government

H-5170 SCHOOLTEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Lewiss & Others) This act would remove the \$5,000 cap on the payment of mediation expenses by the state pertaining to unresolved issues that are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agent and the school committee. Finance

- H-5188 ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES** (San Bento & Gallison) This act would reinforce the public policy that arbitration is the preferred alternative dispute resolution mechanism to resolve differences between labor and management. Further, it would focus the power of the labor arbitrator to the collective bargaining agreement, and would provide amendments to the grounds for vacating awards. Labor
- H-5238 PARENTAL AND FAMILY LEAVE** (Gemma & Others) This act would provide domestic partners and related others with the benefits of the "Parental and Family Medical Leave Act". Labor
- H-5330 FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION** (Palumbo & McCauley) This act would provide that all contractual benefits conferred under an existing collective bargaining agreement shall continue until a new agreement has been reached by agreement among the parties or an arbitration award has been rendered. Labor
- H-5363 SCHOOLTEACHER ARBITRATION** (Gemma & Others) This act would expand the scope of the binding arbitration process to include monetary issues for teachers, and also streamline the actual binding arbitration process itself. It would also confer the availability of mediation and binding arbitration for non-teacher employee disputes. Labor
- H-5393 UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES** (Lally) This act would expand the power of the Labor Relations Board to prevent any employer or public sector employee organization from engaging in any unfair labor practice. The power shall not be affected by the election of remedies doctrine or any procedure invoked by any public employer or employee organization pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement. Labor
- H-5394 MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION** (Lally & DeSimone) This act would provide that all contractual benefits conferred under an existing collective bargaining agreement shall continue until a new agreement has been reached by agreement among the parties or an arbitration award has been rendered. Labor
- H-5513 MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION** (Singleton & Scott) This act would allow cities/towns through the adoption of ordinances to exempt from interest arbitration all contractual benefits conferred upon retirement for any police officer hired after July 1, 2007. Municipal Government
- H-5527 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ARBITRATION** (Lally & O'Neill) This act would make various amendments to the "Municipal Employees Arbitration" chapter of the general laws. Labor
- H-5680 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS** (Ginaitt & Naughton) This act would require school committees and city/town councils to prepare collective bargaining fiscal impact statements with respect to proposed contracts with teachers and other municipal employees. Labor

H-5890 FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Singleton) This act would allow cities/towns through the adoption of ordinances to exempt from interest arbitration all contractual benefits conferred upon retirement for any firefighter hired after July 1, 2007. Labor

H-5891 FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Church & Others) This act would define "members who are vested" and "vested" under the "Continuance of Contractual Provisions" section of the "Firefighters' Arbitration Act". Labor

H-5895 HEALTH CARE SERVICES (Ehrhardt & Others) This act would prohibit any collective bargaining agreement covering a group of teachers, state employees or city/town employees from including a choice of health care services provider as an item eligible for bargaining. Labor

H-5951 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Handy & Others) This act would provide that charter public schools must recognize an employee organization designated by the authorization cards of 60% of its employees as the exclusive representative of all employees in the unit for collective bargaining purposes. H.E.W.

S-96 FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Lanzi & Others) This act would provide that all contractual benefits conferred under an existing collective bargaining agreement shall continue until a new agreement has been reached by agreement among the parties or an arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

S-211 ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES (McCaffrey) This act would reinforce the public policy that arbitration is the preferred alternative dispute resolution mechanism to resolve differences between labor and management. Further, it would focus the power of the labor arbitrator to the collective bargaining agreement, and would provide amendments to the grounds for vacating awards. Labor

S-280 PARENTAL AND FAMILY LEAVE (Gibbs & Others) This act would provide domestic partners and related others with the benefits of the "Parental and Family Medical Leave Act". Judiciary

S-346 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Connors & Others) This act would provide that charter public schools must recognize an employee organization designated by the authorization cards of 60% of its employees as the exclusive representative of all employees in the unit for collective bargaining purposes. Labor

S-348 HEALTH CARE SERVICES (Breene) This act would prohibit any collective bargaining agreement covering a group of teachers, state employees or city/town employees from including a choice of health care services provider as an item eligible for bargaining. Labor

S-435 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require the state to pay the cost of mediation expenses when unresolved issues are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agents and the municipality or school committees. Finance

S-436 SCHOOLTEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Ruggerio & Others) This act would remove the \$5,000 cap on the payment of mediation expenses by the state pertaining to unresolved issues that are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agent and the school committee. Finance

S-499 ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES (Ruggerio & Others) This act would allow a labor arbitrator to consider the existence of past practice when the union contract contains a provision that preserves existing rights, benefits or practices between the parties. Labor

S-506 SCHOOLTEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Ruggerio & Others) This act would increase the cap from \$5,000 to \$15,000 on the payment of mediation expenses by the state pertaining to unresolved issues that are submitted to compulsory mediation between the negotiating or bargaining agent and the school committee. Labor

S-675 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ARBITRATION (Moura) This act would make various amendments to the "Municipal Employees Arbitration" chapter of the general laws. Labor

S-679 FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION (Gallo & Others) This act would define "members who are vested" and "vested" under the "Continuance of Contractual Provisions" section of the "Firefighters' Arbitration Act". Labor

S-680 MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION (Moura) This act would provide that all contractual benefits conferred under an existing collective bargaining agreement shall continue until a new agreement has been reached by agreement among the parties or an arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

S-682 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENTS (Paiva-Weed & Others) This act would require school committees and city/town councils to prepare collective bargaining fiscal impact statements with respect to proposed contracts with teachers and other municipal employees. Labor

S-683 UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES (Moura) This act would expand the power of the Labor Relations Board to prevent any employer or public sector employee organization from engaging in any unfair labor practice. The power shall not be affected by the election of remedies doctrine or any procedure invoked by any public employer or employee organization pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement. Labor

S-907 SCHOOLTEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Issa) This act would allow the Department of Labor and Training to compel the attendance at mediation meetings of school committee subcommittees delegated to negotiate collective bargaining agreements. Labor

S-1019 FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES (Perry & Others) This act would prohibit the refusal by an employer, including a public employer, to hire a person based solely on the existence of a criminal record, and prohibit the denial by a governmental agency to issue an individual a license to work in a particular trade or business based solely on that individual having a criminal record. Labor

LIQUOR CONTROL & LICENSES

H-5373 REGULATION OF SALES (Jackson & Others) This act would clarify that holders of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages are not prohibited from adopting policies which exclude persons under 21 years of age from any licensed establishment. Corporations

H-5486 SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS (Serpa & Others) This act would require second-hand dealers buying or receiving for the purpose of selling gold, precious stones and precious metals to first obtain a license. The holding period for precious metals would be increased from 7 to 14 days. Corporations

H-5602 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS (Carter) This act would make the Department of Business Regulation the sole authority for the issuance of licenses for existing and newly formed recreational vehicle parks or campgrounds. Finance

H-5605 SUNDAY SALES (Kilmartin & Others) This act would repeal the prohibition against conducting business on Sundays for automobile dealers. Finance

H-5628 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: GAMING FACILITIES (Segal & Caprio) This act would require gaming facilities to take measures to insure that those patrons entering the gaming facility that may legally gamble, but may not drink alcohol legally, are prevented from being served alcohol or drinking while at the gaming facility. Judiciary

H-5707 CLASS AS LICENSE (Shanley & Others) This act would create a retailer's Class AS license that authorizes the licensee to sell at retail wines to be used for sacramental purposes only to any duly ordained priest, minister or rabbi or to any church or religious society. Corporations

H-5901 SECOND-HAND DEALERS (Caprio & Fox) This act would require all licensed second-hand dealers purchasing second-hand materials to maintain identification records of the sellers of second-hand materials. Municipal Government

H-5906 CLASS N LICENSE (Wasylyk & Lima) This act would not allow a person under the age of 21 to enter the premises of a nightclub holding a Class N license.
Corporations

H-5991 PREMISE LIABILITY INSURANCE (Caprio & Others) This act would require all establishments which have liquor licenses, except manufacturers and wholesalers, to maintain premise liability insurance in a minimum amount of \$500,000.
Corporations

H-6027 WEAPONS: LICENSE OR PERMIT FEE (Slater & Others) This act would increase the fee for a weapons license or permit from \$40.00 to \$100.00, and would provide that nonresident licenses and permits would be valid for one year.
Judiciary

H-6035 CHAIN STORES: CLASS E LICENSES (Kilmartin) This act would prohibit Class E alcoholic beverage licenses (pharmacies) to be issued or transferred to or for the use of any "chain store organization".
Corporations

H-6084 CLASS A LICENSES (Picard) This act would allow Class A license holders to conduct intoxicating beverage samplings limited to three products at any one tasting with each serving limited to ¼ ounce.
Corporations

H-6176 AUTO DEALERS (Jacquard & Others) This act would prevent cities/towns from applying for licenses to buy or sell used motor vehicles.
Corporations

H-6191 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: NOTICE AND HEARING ON LICENSES (Williamson & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that an advertisement or notice be given when an alcoholic beverage license holder applies for a temporary seasonal expansion of an existing liquor license.
Corporations

H-6205 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES (Long) This act would not require any city/town council to issue fishing, shellfishing or hunting licenses. This act would also allow municipalities to retain one half of the fees paid for the issuance of deer hunting permits.
Municipal Government

H-6433 CHAIN STORES: CLASS E LICENSES (Kilmartin) This act would prohibit that Class E alcoholic beverage licenses (pharmacies) be issued or transferred to or for the use of any "chain store organization". It would also provide that no Class A licenses, other than those already held by existing Class E license holders, shall be granted or transferred to the holders of a Class E license.
Finance

H-6474 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: LICENSE FEES (Slater & Others) This act would increase license fees for various classes of retail liquor licenses.
Finance

S-154 CLASS A LICENSES (Raptakis & Others) This act would provide that holders of Class A licenses would maintain and produce on demand records of receipts and invoices for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. This act would also provide that holders of licenses other than Class A would have not more than 24 hours to produce receipts and invoices for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-297 UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS (Badeau) This act would establish a licensing procedure for underground utility contractors. It would also require a bond to be furnished by the underground utility contractor which would indemnify the local cities/towns. Labor

S-498 SUNDAY SALES (Ruggerio & Others) This act would permit motor vehicle dealers to open for business on Sundays between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Labor

S-529 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: EXTENDED DEPARTURE FROM PREMISES (Goodwin) This act would allow local licensing authorities to designate districts in which holders of retail beverage licenses would be allowed to keep their establishments open for up to one hour after closing time for patrons to depart the premises. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-533 CLASS A LICENSES (Goodwin) This act would allow Class A license holders to conduct intoxicating beverage samplings of up to 3 servings not to exceed ¼ ounces each. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-563 FISH AND WILDLIFE LICENSING (Sosnowski) This act would give the clerk of any city/town the discretion as to whether to issue fish and wildlife licenses. Environment & Agriculture

S-659 SMOKING IN BARS AND RESTAURANTS (Jabour & Badeau) This act would allow bars and restaurants to allow smoking upon their premises provided they obtain a special license which would be issued by the city/town for a \$500 fee. This act would also require employees of the establishment to sign an acknowledgement that smoking is dangerous to their health. Health & Human Services

S-919 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: NOTICE AND HEARING ON LICENSES (Jabour & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that an advertisement or notice be given when an alcoholic beverage license holder applies for a temporary seasonal expansion of an existing liquor license. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-946 CLASS AS LICENSE (Jabour & Others) This act would create a retailer's Class AS license that authorizes the licensee to sell at retail wines to be used for sacramental purposes only to any duly ordained priest, minister, or rabbi or to any church or religious society. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-989 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: LICENSE FEES (Goodwin) This act would increase license fees for various classes of retail liquor licenses. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

PLANNING & ZONING

H-5034 ZONING ORDINANCES: FAMILY GROUP DAY CARE HOME (San Bento & Silva) This act would amend the definition of "Family Day Care Home", and provide a definition for "Family Group Day Care Home" as they pertain to municipal zoning ordinances. Corporations

H-5483 CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS (Ginaitt & Naughton) This act would place further requirements on the permit process for developing land with conservation and preservation restrictions. Municipal Government

H-5990 STATE RURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT (Gorham & Others) This act would establish a state rural conservation district in the areas known as the Pawcatuck Borderlands. Corporations

H-6030 REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX (Rice) This act would require every city/town to set aside fifty cents of the balance of the real estate conveyance tax retained by the municipality for the acquisition, protection and preservation of open space within the municipality. Municipal Government

H-6242 SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Carter) This act would require that decisions of the planning board with respect to subdivision plans be issued in writing, and be submitted to the applicant by certified mail, return receipt requested. Corporations

H-6243 SUBDIVISION OF LAND (Carter) This act would add a definition for 'land suitable for development' to the general law chapter entitled "Subdivision of Land". Corporations

H-6564 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS (Costantino & Others) This act would prohibit any city/town from preventing video lottery terminals that are otherwise permitted by law by defining such as a prohibited use. Finance

S-123 EDC: FEDERAL LAND (Sheehan & Lenihan) This act would require the Economic Development Corporation to operate any project on federal land in conformity with the applicable zoning or other land use regulations of any municipality in which these projects are situated. The determination of conformity shall be made by the municipal body having jurisdiction. Corporations

S-124 EDC: FEDERAL LAND (Sheehan & Lenihan) This act would provide that any project plan of the Economic Development Corporation with respect to projects on federal land must conform to the requirements of the state guide plan, and that the project plan's conformity with the applicable comprehensive plan shall be determined by the state planning council. Corporations

S-266 ZONING ORDINANCES (Levesque) This act would permit an accessory family dwelling within a single family residence for the sole use of one or more members of the family of the occupant who are persons with a disability or are over the age of 65 years. Housing & Municipal Government

S-564 CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS (Sosnowski & Others) This act would place further requirements on the permit process for developing land with conservation and preservation restrictions. Environment & Agriculture

S-756 HISTORICAL ZONING (Jabour & Others) This act would make it a criminal offense to demolish a historical building without the necessary permits. Judiciary

PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE & FIRE)

H-5023 MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS (Gemma & Others) This act would require law enforcement agencies which issue tickets to motorists for lack of evidence of financial responsibility to withhold submission of the traffic citation to the traffic tribunal for one business day in order to allow the motorist the opportunity to submit evidence of financial responsibility to the issuing police department, which shall then withdraw the citation. Judiciary

H-5069 D.O.T. WORK SITES (San Bento & Others) This act would require that a police officer be present at all D.O.T. work sites. Finance

H-5074 EMERGENCY VEHICLES (Shanley & Others) This act would provide specific procedural requirements for operators of motor vehicles to adhere to in the presence of emergency vehicles. Judiciary

H-5078 RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Pacheco & Others) This act would allow a police officer, firefighter and crash crewperson to collect a salary when wholly or partially incapacitated due to the rendering of emergency assistance at any occurrence involving the protection of human life whether on or off duty. Municipal Government

H-5133 RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Pacheco & Others) This act would provide a maximum benefit of \$250 per month to those volunteer firefighters who become either wholly or partially incapacitated from earning a livelihood because of service related injuries. Municipal Government

H-5147 EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE (McNamara & Others) This act would set forth procedures to be followed by a driver when operating in the presence of an emergency vehicle or roadside assistance vehicle. This act also provides that a violation of this section is punishable by a fine of \$75. Judiciary

H-5154 MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTIES (Menard & Others) This act would expand the application of the lemon law on motor vehicle warranties to include fire department motorized apparatus owned or leased by municipalities. Corporations

H-5158 FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS APPRECIATION DAY (Ucci & Others) This resolution would set apart September 11th annually to be celebrated as "Firefighters and Police Officers Appreciation Day". **(Enacted as Resolution 33 effective 1/23/07)**

H-5162 FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS APPRECIATION DAY (Ucci & Others) This act would set apart September 11th annually to be known as "Firefighters and Police Officers Appreciation Day". Constituent Services

H-5181 JUVENILE RECORDS (Picard) This act would provide that the identity be made public of any juvenile between the ages of 15 and 18 who has been found delinquent as the result of the commission of certain offenses on two or more occasions. Judiciary

H-5182 SNOW PLOWING EQUIPMENT (Winfield) This act would require the removal of certain snow plow attachments and hitching mechanisms from vehicles during certain designated non-winter months. Failure to do so would be considered a motor vehicle violation. State and municipally owned vehicles would be exempt from this provision. Judiciary

H-5183 GRAFFITI (Giannini & Others) This act would make it an offense to use graffiti in any way on any private residence, office, business or commercial property. Judiciary

H-5198 MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTIES (Menard & Others) This act would expand the application of the lemon law on motor vehicle warranties to include fire department motorized apparatus owned or leased by municipalities. Corporations

H-5201 MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTIES (Menard & Others) This act would expand the application of the lemon law on motor vehicle warranties to include fire department motorized apparatus owned or leased by municipalities. Corporations

H-5211 DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Rice & Others) This act would prohibit a property owner from looking through a window or any other opening for a lascivious purpose when another person would have an expectation of privacy. Judiciary

H-5234 UNBORN VICTIMS (Brien & Others) This act would establish the "Unborn Victims of Violence Act" which would define and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child. Judiciary

H-5236 ASSAULTS (Brien & Others) This act would make assault or battery on a pregnant woman causing her to suffer a miscarriage or stillbirth punishable by up to 30 years imprisonment. Judiciary

H-5237 IMMIGRATION STATUS PROTECTION (Almeida & Others) This act would create the "Immigration Status Protection Act" which limits inquiry by local law enforcement as to immigration status; limits the search of juveniles without a warrant; and also revises the "Racial Profiling Prevention Act of 2004". Judiciary

H-5253 MOTOR FUEL TAX (Amaral & Others) This act would exempt city/town fire apparatus, rescue vehicles, and vehicles used for law enforcement from the payment of the state motor fuel tax. Finance

H-5261 FETAL PROTECTION ACT (Schadone & Others) This act would establish the "Fetal Protection Act" which would define and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child. Judiciary

H-5262 WEAPONS (Amaral & Others) This act would provide that a person who is licensed to carry a concealed pistol or revolver in Massachusetts may carry a concealed pistol or revolver in Rhode Island without having to obtain a separate license as long as Massachusetts allows a person licensed in Rhode Island to carry a concealed pistol or revolver in Massachusetts without having to obtain a separate license. Judiciary

H-5283 NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Palumbo & Others) This act would require nursing home administrators to report abuse of residents to the state police or the police department of the municipality in which the abuse occurred. H.E.W.

H-5287 CHILDREN IN MOTOR VEHICLES (O'Neill & Others) This act would make it a misdemeanor to leave a child 5 years or younger in any unattended motor vehicle. Verbal warnings would be issued to operators who leave children unattended if the children are over age 5 and under age 7. Judiciary

H-5288 ASSAULTS (O'Neill & Others) This act would now make it a felony when an adult commits a battery causing serious bodily injury on a child 16 years of age or younger. Judiciary

H-5298 MUNICIPAL POLICE – INCENTIVE PAY (Petarca & Others) This act would add philosophical doctorate to the degrees that would qualify a municipal police officer to receive a level 4 incentive step increase in pay. Municipal Government

H-5318 FIREFIGHTER CANCER WELLNESS ACT (Ginaitt & Others) This act would establish "The Firefighter Cancer Wellness Act" as a program directed by the Department of Health to test for, to collect data on, and to educate firefighters regarding bladder cancer. H.E.W.

H-5323 WEAPONS (Flaherty & Others) This act would prohibit the issuance of a dealer's license to sell firearms if business is to be operated within 500 feet of a public, private or parochial school or public place of worship. Judiciary

H-5324 SAFETY BELT USE (Ginaitt & Others) This act would make a violation of the safety belt law, as it applies to operators of motor vehicles and transportation of passengers 18 years of age and older, a primary offense commencing on July 1, 2007. Judiciary

H-5327 SALE OF CELLOPHANE (Diaz & Others) This act would make it a crime to sell any cellophane wrap product to minors. Judiciary

H-5341 LOW SPEED VEHICLES (Ginaitt) This act would define a neighborhood electric vehicle and set out the standards by which such vehicles may operate in the state of Rhode Island. Previously this legislation applied only to low speed vehicles operated on Prudence Island. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5355 PROSTITUTION (Giannini & Others) This act would define the crime of prostitution to include any location, would create punishments for individuals who attempt to procure the services of a prostitute, and would define the crime of permitting prostitution within premises that an individual has possession of or control over. Judiciary

H-5358 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS (Almeida & Others) This act would require the electronic recording of custodial interrogations in their entirety in cases when the potential sentence is one of life imprisonment. Judiciary

H-5359 IDENTIFICATION OF CRIMINALS (Almeida & Others) This act would establish certain procedures for conducting photo lineups and live lineups. It would also establish an improvement of lineup procedures task force. Judiciary

H-5419 TRANSPORTING ANIMALS (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would prohibit transporting animals in a motor vehicle that are under the physical control of the operator or on the operator's person or seat. H.E.W.

H-5422 DRUG PARAPHERNALIA (Diaz & Others) This act would make it a crime for a minor to purchase or any person to sell or deliver to a minor what is defined as drug paraphernalia. Included in this definition would be cigar "blunts" and rolling papers. Judiciary

H-5423 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (Giannini & Others) This act would create the chapter in the general laws entitled "Trafficking in Persons" in Title 11 – "Criminal Offenses". Judiciary

H-5438 REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES (Ginaitt & Others) This act would provide for the issuance of a special motor vehicle registration plate to all active and retired IAFF firefighters for any vehicle having a gross weight of less than 10,000 pounds. In a state of emergency an active member driving a vehicle bearing a special registration plate would be authorized to travel during driving bans. Finance

H-5457 AMBULANCE SERVICE COORDINATING BOARD (Giannini & Others) This act would increase the number of people on the Ambulance Service Coordinating Advisory Board from 20 to 21, including one member from the Rhode Island chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. H.E.W.

H-5465 SMUGGLING OF HUMAN BEINGS (Singleton & Others) This act would make it a felony offense to smuggle human beings, which would be defined as aiding the person with entering, passing through or remaining in Rhode Island in exchange for money or any other thing of value in violation of the immigration laws of the United States. Judiciary

H-5467 WRONGFUL PROCUREMENT OF BENEFITS (Singleton & Others) This act would make it a felony for any state or municipal employee to knowingly provide and/or assist in the wrongful procurement of any state benefits to anyone illegally residing or living within the state of Rhode Island. Judiciary

H-5469 NOTIFICATION BY ARRESTING AGENCY (Singleton & Others) This act would require an arresting agency to report the detention or arrest of any juvenile believed to be in the United States illegally to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency. Judiciary

H-5470 CHILD DELINQUENCY (Rice & Others) This act would provide that a person bringing a child into a restaurant or establishment that serves both food and intoxicating liquor would not constitute contributing to the delinquency of a minor, so long as the person did not permit the child to drink or otherwise obtain intoxicating liquors. Judiciary

H-5475 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION (Gemma & Others) This act would require training for new law enforcement officers to include techniques to aid investigating officers to become aware of incidents or crimes of domestic violence and other abuse crimes, and how to react and investigate them. Judiciary

H-5479 ONLINE PROPERTY OFFENSES (O'Neill & Others) This act would create the "Online Property Offenses Act", and would make it a criminal offense to use Internet access to obtain, sell or fence stolen property. Judiciary

H-5486 SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS (Serpa & Others) This act would require second-hand dealers buying or receiving for the purpose of selling "precious metals" to first obtain a license. The holding period would be increased to 14 days. Corporations

H-5512 IMMIGRATION STATUS (Singleton & Others) This act would require state and local law enforcement authorities to cooperate with the federal government on immigration matters including reporting certain arrestees to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office. Municipal Government

H-5520 AUTOMATED TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS MONITORING SYSTEMS (McCauley) This act would remove the sunset provision of July 19, 2008 from the "Automated Traffic Violations Monitoring Systems Act of 2005". Finance

H-5539 MOTORCYCLES (Menard & Others) This act would prohibit the removal of a motorcycle muffler baffle. Constituent Services

H-5575 HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY (Carter) This act would declare null and void any regulation or ordinance enacted by a municipality which is inconsistent with the provisions of the general laws (20-13-7) governing shooting in proximity to occupied buildings. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5604 NEW FIRE ACADEMY (Gallison & Others) This resolution would urge the Department of Administration to begin construction of a new Fire academy as approved by Rhode Island voters in the 2002 general election. Finance

H-5624 PEACE OFFICER: HARBORMASTERS (Gallison & Others) This act would add harbormasters, assistant harbormasters, and reserve police officers of any municipal or local police department to the definition of "peace officer" which gives them the power of arrest. Judiciary

H-5625 RIGHT-OF-WAY (Petrarca & Others) This act would create additional penalties for certain motor vehicle violations when serious bodily injury occurs. This act would also require state and municipalities to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. Judiciary

H-5627 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS (Segal & Others) This act would require the electronic recording of custodial interrogations in their entirety in cases when the potential sentence is one of life imprisonment. Judiciary

H-5632 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION (Coderre & Others) This act would specifically add the offenses of refusal to relinquish or to damage or obstruct a telephone, burglary and unlawful entry, and arson to the list of crimes deemed domestic violence under the "Domestic Violence Prevention Act". Judiciary

H-5645 POLITICAL SURVEILLANCE (Ajello & Others) This act would require that state and municipal law enforcement agencies may not collect nor maintain information about political, religious or social views, and associations or activities of anyone unless there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the subject of the information is involved in criminal conduct, and the information directly relates to the investigation of that criminal activity. Judiciary

H-5651 SAFETY BELT USE (McManus & Story) This act would make a violation of the safety belt law, as it applies to operators of motor vehicles and transportation of passengers 18 years of age and older, a primary offense commencing on July 1, 2007. Judiciary

H-5660 SENIOR CITIZEN ALERT (Corvese) This act would provide for the implementation of the "Missing Senior Citizen Alert Program" among law enforcement agencies, broadcast media, and other appropriate entities to alert the State Police and the public in the event of the disappearance of a senior with an impaired mental condition. H.E.W.

H-5667 ANIMAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (Lewiss & Others) This act would provide that the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency would institute and manage an animal emergency management plan which purposes would include plans for the humane evacuation, transport, and temporary sheltering of service animals and household pets. H.E.W.

H-5683 SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS (Gallison & Others) This act would make the Department of Attorney General responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the chapter entitled "Safety and Health Programs for Fire Departments" which includes the requirements of NFPA 1500. Labor

H-5724 HEALTH CARE EMERGENCY (Moffitt & Others) This act would grant immunity to licensed health care workers who render emergency assistance during a declared health care emergency. Judiciary

H-5725 EMERGENCY VEHICLES (Winfield & Others) This act would require vehicles to maintain reduced speed when authorized emergency vehicles are displaying flashing lights. Judiciary

H-5726 RECKLESS DRIVING (Winfield & Others) This act would make the operation of a motor vehicle in an attempt to elude or flee from traffic officers or police vehicles a felony. Judiciary

H-5774 GRAFFITI (Giannini & Others) This act would make it an offense to use graffiti in any way on any private residence, office, business or commercial property. Judiciary

- H-5783 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS** (Singleton) This act would provide law enforcement officials with the authority to obtain information that is not content based from internet service providers pursuant to an administrative subpoena authorized by the superintendent of State Police, the Attorney General or a chief of police. Judiciary
- H-5804 MOBILE TELEPHONE USE** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would make it unlawful to use a mobile telephone that is not equipped with a hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle or bicycle. Corporations
- H-5873 DISORDERLY CONDUCT** (Rice & Others) This act would create the offense of indecent exposure/disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor offense punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or a fine of not more than \$1,000. Judiciary
- H-5876 WEAPONS** (Sullivan & Others) This act would establish separate criminal penalties for the unlawful discharge of a firearm on school grounds. Judiciary
- H-5878 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Church & Others) This act would allow for the release of identifying information of juvenile sex offenders on the Rhode Island State Police and Rhode Island Unified Court System websites once the juvenile reaches the age of 18. Judiciary
- H-5881 TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE** (Giannini & Others) This act would establish the trafficking of persons and involuntary servitude as a criminal offense. Judiciary
- H-5886 INATTENTIVE DRIVING** (Kilmartin & Others) This act would create a secondary motor vehicle offense of inattentive driving, which occurs simultaneously to the commission of a primary moving violation. Judiciary
- H-5898 PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS** (Dennigan & Others) This act would permit cities/towns to place pedestrian crosswalks on any highway under the jurisdiction of the State Traffic Commission provided it borders a church or school. Municipal Government
- H-5925 AUTOMATED TRAFFIC SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS** (McCauley) This act would create a method to issue speeding violations using an automated traffic speed enforcement system. Each city/town would be authorized to operate this system once approved and certified by the director of the Department of Transportation. Finance
- H-5929 TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES** (Handy) This act would establish a traffic calming fund with the Department of Transportation providing funds to municipal governments to construct traffic calming devices. Finance

H-5930 CIGARETTE LICENSES (Handy) This act would require licensed cigarette dealers and solicitors to post the license in plain view, and exhibit the license on demand to local city/town police officers. Finance

H-5962 CRIMINAL STREET GANG ENHANCEMENT (Diaz & Others) This act would establish a sentence enhancement for those who commit misdemeanors or felonies for the benefit of, at the direction, or in association with any criminal street gang or criminal street gang member. Judiciary

H-5965 FIREARMS (Mattiello & Others) This act would allow a local police department that has custody of a confiscated firearm to transfer ownership of the firearm to the State Crime Laboratory for the creation and maintenance of a library of weapons. Judiciary

H-5966 ADMINISTRATION OF CHEMICAL TEST (Mattiello & Others) This act would allow a peace officer to request a search warrant which would allow the taking of blood, breath or urine, or perform a chemical test if probable cause exists to believe that an individual has been driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics. Judiciary

H-5967 EMBEZZLEMENT AND FRAUDULENT CONVERSION (Jackson & Others) This act would specifically set penalties for a person convicted of the crimes of embezzlement or fraudulent conversion when the victim is 65 years of age or older. Judiciary

H-5974 AGGRESSIVE DRIVING (Watson) This act would add the violation of the section of the general laws entitled "Laned Roadways" (31-15-11) to the definition of aggressive driving. Judiciary

H-5975 ADMINISTRATION OF CHEMICAL TEST (Watson) This act would allow a peace officer to request a search warrant which would allow the taking of blood, breath or urine, or perform a chemical test if probable cause exists to believe that an individual has been driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics. Judiciary

H-5978 CYBERSTALKING (Lewiss & Others) This act would make it a felony for an on-line predator to engage in cyberstalking of a minor or a peace officer posing as a minor. Judiciary

H-5985 LIE DETECTOR TESTS (Watson) This act would remove the prohibition of a lie detector test as a condition of employment in the case of tests administered by law enforcement agencies to persons applying for employment as a law enforcement officer. Labor

H-5987 POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY MINORS (Diaz & Others) This act would make the mere possession of a firearm by minors unlawful unless they hold a valid permit as authorized by law, and are in the presence of a parent, guardian or supervising adult or fall into other provided exceptions. Judiciary

H-6001 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER TRAINING (Gorham & Others) This act would provide a tax credit for employers who allow employees time off for volunteer firefighter training. Finance

H-6003 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING AND RESCUE SERVICES (Gorham) This act would prevent the state, cities/towns, and any labor organization from restricting any employee or member from engaging in rescue services, other than firefighting, for any volunteer organization. H.E.W.

H-6006 SEXUAL ASSAULT (Ajello & Others) This act would provide a more severe penalty for persons who commit sexual assault in the third degree on a person 10 or more years their younger. Judiciary

H-6014 STREET RACING (Gallison & Others) This act would create a new section in the general laws which specifically criminalizes the "street racing" of motor vehicles. Judiciary

H-6024 SEXUAL ASSAULT PROTECTIVE ORDERS (Ajello & Others) This act would create the parameters relative to sexual assault protective orders, including forms for such orders, penalties and appeals. Judiciary

H-6028 WEAPONS (Slater & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any person to knowingly receive, transport or possess any firearm on which the importer's or manufacturer's serial number has been tampered. This act would also exempt antique and collectible weapons legally possessed by collectors and dealers of firearms. Judiciary

H-6059 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING AND RESCUE SERVICES (Gorham) This act would prevent the state, any city/town, or any labor organization from restricting any employee or member from engaging in volunteer firefighting or rescue services. H.E.W.

H-6071 MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Rice & Others) This act would make unlawful the use of a mobile telephone that is not equipped with a hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel. Judiciary

H-6072 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION (Lally & Walsh) This act would provide that no portion of the mandatory minimum required jail sentence can be suspended upon a conviction for a crime involving domestic violence. Judiciary

H-6073 METHAMPHETAMINE (Walsh & Others) This act would create new criminal offenses related to methamphetamine possession and manufacture, and would establish a commission to study various related issues. Judiciary

H-6078 ELDERLY VIOLENCE PREVENTION (Naughton & Kilmartin) This act would create a right to a speedy trial for victims 60 years or older under the "Elderly Violence Prevention Act". Additionally, the act would create the criminal offense of "exploitation of elders". Judiciary

H-6093 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (Gorham) This act would permit a volunteer firefighter to be allowed a deduction for personal income tax purposes of a maximum of \$500.00 per year when contributing to a volunteer firefighter savings account. Finance

H-6104 FIREFIGHTER PLATES (Pacheco & Others) This act would authorize the Division of Motor Vehicles to issue firefighter license plates to volunteer firefighters. Constituent Services

H-6105 LIFESAVING MEDAL (Pacheco & Others) This act would include volunteer firefighters in the class of persons eligible to receive a lifesaving medal. Constituent Services

H-6112 DEATH BENEFITS (Pacheco & Others) This act would grant to volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical technicians and their families, if deceased, the same medical and other benefits related to disability and death as are received by paid fire and rescue personnel. Finance

H-6114 FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT (Shanley & Others) This act would require all fire trucks, ladders and firefighting apparatus to be equipped with high sensitivity voltage detectors that provide warnings of exposed high voltage AC from a safe distance. H.E.W.

H-6116 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS (Pacheco & Others) This act would amend various statutes throughout the general laws to afford volunteer firefighters the same protections as paid firefighters for criminal acts perpetrated against them, as well as the same immunity from liability for acts performed in their capacity as volunteer firefighters. Judiciary

H-6135 DNA DETECTION (Rice & Others) This act would add felony arrestees to the list of offenders who must submit a DNA sample under the "DNA Detection of Sexual and Violent Offenders" chapter of the general laws. Judiciary

H-6209 RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Jacquard) This act would delete the definition of the words 'totally and permanently disabled' from general law section 45-19-4.1 entitled "Tuition to Children of Police Officers Dying or Disabled as a Result of Service". Finance

H-6214 RACIAL PROFILING PREVENTION (Gemma & Others) This act would amend the "Racial Profiling Prevention Act of 2004" by shifting responsibility for administration from the R.I. Justice Commission to the Office of Highway Safety. It would also establish regular reporting requirements for all police departments. Judiciary

H-6258 MUNICIPAL DETENTION FACILITY CORPORATIONS (Silva & Others) This act would further define the authority and powers of Municipal Detention Facility Corporations. Municipal Government

H-6323 SEXUAL ASSAULT (McManus & Others) This act would extend the application of the "Jessica Lunsford Child Predator Act of 2006" to cover crimes not subject to any date of commission limitation, and would add second degree child molestation as an included offense. Judiciary

H-6325 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Loughlin & Others) This act would require that a person who commits an offense in another state that would subject that person to sexual offender community notification in that state, shall, upon moving or returning to Rhode Island, be subject to sexual offender community notification in this state at the same level of notification as assigned in the state in which the offense was committed. Judiciary

H-6338 AUTOMATED TRAFFIC VIOLATION MONITORING SYSTEMS (Almeida) This act would increase the number of days in which a citation shall be issued, if based on evidence obtained from an automated traffic violation detection system, from 14 days to 30 days. Finance

H-6343 WEAPONS (Almeida & Others) This act would define "semiautomatic weapons", and require all these weapons to be capable of microstamping ammunition subject to fines for violations. Judiciary

H-6350 HANDICAPPED PARKING LAWS (Lima & Others) This resolution would request that all Rhode Island city/town police departments enforce current handicapped parking laws. Read and Passed

H-6366 HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS (Slater & Others) This act would amend the "Mental Health Law" by allowing mental health professionals to provide confidential health care information to law enforcement agencies or child protective agencies when believing sexual or physical child abuse has occurred. H.E.W.

H-6372 MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES: SUMMONS (Diaz & Others) This act would allow a police officer to issue a summons for motor vehicle offenses by first class mail not more than 30 days after the date of the alleged violation, if the police officer could not halt the violator at the time of the infraction. Judiciary

H-6380 SEXUAL ASSAULT (Rice & Others) This act would criminalize sexual contact between a psychotherapist and a patient or former patient, and deem any such conduct as fourth degree sexual assault by the psychotherapist, punishable as a misdemeanor. Judiciary

H-6482 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS: LNG (Gallison & Others) This act would require the prior approval by the General Assembly and the city/town councils of Bristol, Jamestown, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, and Warren of any emergency response plan to be issued and implemented by the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency for the transportation of liquefied natural gas through the waters of Narragansett Bay and Mount Hope Bay. Municipal Government

H-6553 WEAPONS (McCauley) This act would define the phrase "in good standing" to assist the attorney general's office in determining whether state police officers and permanent members of city/town police forces who have retired in good standing or retired due to physical disability, other than a psychological impairment, may be issued a license or permit to carry a firearm. Judiciary

S-10 MUNICIPAL POLICE – INCENTIVE PAY (Tassoni & Others) This act would add philosophical doctorate to the degrees that would qualify a municipal police officer to receive a level 4 incentive step increase in pay. Finance

S-23 EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE (Tassoni & Others) This act would set forth procedures to be followed by a driver when operating in the presence of an emergency vehicle or roadside assistance vehicle. This act also provides that a violation of this section is punishable by a fine of \$75. Judiciary

S-79 RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS (Badeau & Others) This act would allow a police officer, firefighter and crash crewperson to collect a salary when wholly or partially incapacitated due to the rendering of emergency assistance at any occurrence involving the protection of human life whether on or off duty. Labor

S-89 NURSING HOME PATIENTS (Lanzi & Others) This act would require nursing home administrators to report abuse of residents to the state police or the police department of the municipality in which the abuse occurred. Health & Human Services

S-94 MOBILE TELEPHONE USE (Sosnowski & Others) This act would make unlawful the use of a mobile telephone that is not equipped with a hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel. Judiciary

S-117 CYBERSTALKING (Doyle & Others) This act would make it a felony for an on-line predator to engage in cyberstalking of a minor or a peace officer posing as a minor. Judiciary

S-183 WEAPONS (Blais & Others) This act would exempt any person who at the time of purchase is exchanging a functional concealable firearm as part of or as the entire purchase price for another concealable firearm from the requirement of obtaining a basic pistol/revolver safety certificate. Judiciary

S-184 WEAPONS (Blais & Breene) This act would prohibit cities/towns from providing the name, address or date of birth of any person who has applied for a license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver. Judiciary

S-186 CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK (Raptakis & Others) This act would require all RIde buses to be installed with passenger security cameras, and would require that all new drivers of RIde buses have a BCI criminal records check. Judiciary

S-187 WEAPONS (Blais & Others) This act would exempt persons issued protective orders due to domestic assault or abuse situations from the weapons safety requirements of Chapter 11-47 of the general laws. Judiciary

S-195 WEAPONS (Blais & Others) This act would expand the scope of the general law section governing issuance of licenses or permits to carry a pistol or revolver to include people who have been issued protective orders due to domestic assault and abuse, and would require that the permit be delivered to applicants within 10 business days, except for people with protective orders, in which case the permit shall be delivered within 3 days. Judiciary

S-199 SEXUAL ASSAULT (McCaffrey & Walaska) This act would provide a more severe penalty for persons who commit sexual assault in the third degree on a person 10 or more years their younger. Judiciary

S-200 WEAPONS (Blais & Others) This act would prohibit persons from wearing or carrying concealed upon their person any instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known as a billy, bludgeon, baton, stun-gun or any razor or knife of any description having a blade of more than 3 inches in length. Judiciary

S-204 PAINTBALL GUNS (Doyle & Others) This act would regulate the possession, manner of use, and transportation of paintball guns. Judiciary

S-208 WEAPONS (Cicccone & Others) This act would define the phrase "in good standing" to assist the attorney general's office in determining whether state police officers and permanent members of city/town police forces who have retired in good standing or retired due to a physical disability, other than a psychological impairment, may be issued a license or permit to carry a firearm. Judiciary

S-236 MOTOR VEHICLE WARRANTIES (Doyle & Others) This act would expand the application of the lemon law on motor vehicle warranties to include fire department motorized apparatus owned or leased by municipalities. Corporations

- S-264 LOW SPEED VEHICLES** (Gibbs & Others) This act would define a neighborhood electric vehicle and set out standards by which such vehicles may operate in the state of Rhode Island. Previously this legislation applied only to low speed vehicles operated on Prudence Island. Housing & Municipal Government
- S-269 DNA DETECTION** (Walaska & McCaffrey) This act would add felony arrestees to the list of offenders who must submit a DNA sample under the "DNA Detection of Sexual and Violent Offenders" chapter of the general laws. Judiciary
- S-270 RECKLESS DRIVING** (Algiere & Others) This act would make the operation of a motor vehicle in an attempt to elude or flee from traffic officers or police vehicles a felony. Judiciary
- S-276 LIE DETECTOR TESTS** (Breene) This act would remove the prohibition of a lie detector test as a condition of employment in the case of tests administered by law enforcement agencies to persons applying for employment as a law enforcement officer. Judiciary
- S-277 EMERGENCY VEHICLES** (Algiere) This act would require vehicles to maintain reduced speed when authorized emergency vehicles are displaying flashing lights. Judiciary
- S-284 AGGRESSIVE DRIVING** (Algiere & Others) This act would add the violation of the section of the general laws entitled "Laned Roadways" (31-15-11) to the definition of aggressive driving. Judiciary
- S-285 CUSTODIAL INTERROGATIONS** (Perry & Others) This act would require the electronic recording of custodial interrogations in their entirety in cases when the potential sentence is one of life imprisonment. Judiciary
- S-287 IDENTIFICATION OF CRIMINALS** (Perry & Others) This act would establish certain procedures for conducting photo lineups and live lineups. It would also establish an improvement of lineup procedures task force. Judiciary
- S-298 IMMIGRATION STATUS PROTECTION** (Perry & Others) This act would create the "Immigration Status Protection Act" which limits inquiry by local law enforcement as to immigration status; limits the search of juveniles without a warrant; and also revises the "Racial Profiling Prevention Act of 2004". Judiciary
- S-329 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS** (Blais & Alves) This act would provide law enforcement officials with the authority to obtain information that is not content based from internet service providers pursuant to an administrative subpoena authorized by the superintendent of State Police, the Attorney General or a chief of police. Judiciary

S-333 DRIVERS LICENSES (Raptakis & Others) This act would require the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated by the arresting officer if the owner was arrested for driving with a license that was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test, reckless driving, or operating under the influence of a narcotic drug or intoxicating liquor. Judiciary

S-335 MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS (Revens) This act would require law enforcement agencies which issue tickets to motorists for lack of evidence of financial responsibility to withhold submission of the traffic citation to the traffic tribunal for one business day in order to allow the motorist the opportunity to submit evidence of financial responsibility to the issuing police department, which shall then withdraw the citation. Judiciary

S-342 DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Felag) This act would make it a misdemeanor to carry out a demonstration at a military funeral or memorial service. Judiciary

S-471 SENIOR CITIZEN ALERT (Alves & Others) This act would provide for the implementation of the "Missing Senior Citizen Alert Program" among law enforcement agencies, broadcast media, and other appropriate entities to alert the State Police and the public in the event of the disappearance of a senior citizen with an impaired mental condition. Judiciary

S-475 MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS (Revens) This act would require law enforcement agencies which issue tickets to motorists for lack of evidence of financial responsibility to withhold submission of the traffic citation to the traffic tribunal for one business day in order to allow the motorist the opportunity to submit evidence of financial responsibility to the issuing police department, which shall then withdraw the citation. Judiciary

S-479 ADMINISTRATION OF CHEMICAL TEST (Breene) This act would allow a peace officer to request a search warrant which would allow the taking of blood, breath or urine, or perform a chemical test if probable cause exists to believe that an individual has been driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics. Judiciary

S-487 AMBER ALERT PROGRAM (Perry & Others) This act would allow putting missing adults with dementia who elope in private passenger vehicles into the AMBER Alert system. Judiciary

S-491 ALCOHOL BOATING SAFETY (Algieri & Others) This act would amend the "Alcohol Boating Safety Act". These amendments make extensive changes to the procedures to be utilized by law enforcement officers when performing chemical tests for intoxication. Judiciary

- S-492 NATURAL RESOURCE VIOLATIONS** (Blais) This act would establish a new chapter entitled "Enforcement of Certain Natural Resource Violations". It provides that certain environmental offenses are declared to be civil violations which would be within the jurisdiction of the Traffic Tribunal. Judiciary
- S-522 ANIMAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** (Perry & Others) This act would provide that the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency would institute and manage an animal emergency management plan which purposes would include plans for the humane evacuation, transport, and temporary sheltering of service animals and household pets. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues
- S-667 PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS** (Doyle & Others) This act would permit cities/towns to place pedestrian crosswalks on any highway under the jurisdiction of the State Traffic Commission provided it borders a church or school. Housing & Municipal Government
- S-669 FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require all fire trucks, ladders and firefighting apparatus to be equipped with high sensitivity voltage detectors. Housing & Municipal Government
- S-692 TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE** (Perry & Others) This act would establish the trafficking of persons and involuntary servitude as a criminal offense. Judiciary
- S-693 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require training for new law enforcement officers to include techniques to aid investigating officers to become aware of incidents or crimes of domestic violence and other abuse crimes, and how to react and investigate them. Judiciary
- S-703 UNATTENDED CHILDREN** (Jabour & Others) This act would make leaving a child 12 years of age or younger unattended in any motor vehicle a crime. Judiciary
- S-710 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION** (Goodwin & Paiva-Weed) This act would specifically add the offenses of refusal to relinquish or to damage or obstruct a telephone, burglary and unlawful entry, and arson to the list of crimes deemed domestic violence under the "Domestic Violence Prevention Act". Judiciary
- S-711 EMBEZZLEMENT AND FRAUDULENT CONVERSION** (McCaffrey & Maselli) This act would specifically set penalties for a person convicted of the crimes of embezzlement or fraudulent conversion when the victim is 65 years of age or older. Judiciary

S-713 ADMINISTRATION OF CHEMICAL TEST (Sosnowski) This act would allow a peace officer to request a search warrant which would allow the taking of blood, breath or urine, or perform a chemical test if probable cause exists to believe that an individual has been driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics. Judiciary

S-726 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION (Goodwin) This act would provide that no portion of the mandatory minimum required jail sentence can be suspended upon a conviction for a crime involving domestic violence. Judiciary

S-727 FIREARMS (McCaffrey & Others) This act would allow a local police department that has custody of a confiscated firearm to transfer ownership of the firearm to the State Crime Laboratory for the creation and maintenance of a library of weapons. Judiciary

S-731 DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Maselli & Others) This act would create the offense of indecent exposure/disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor offense punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or a fine of not more than \$1,000. Judiciary

S-735 IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish the "Immigration Assistance in Crime Fighting Act" to promote the safety and health of all residents by making it more likely that immigrants will report violations of state and local law by prohibiting law enforcement from inquiring into the immigration status of the complainant or witness. Judiciary

S-739 DISORDERLY CONDUCT (Doyle & Others) This act would create the offense of indecent exposure/disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor offense punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or a fine of not more than \$1,000. Judiciary

S-743 ELDERLY VIOLENCE PREVENTION (Goodwin & Others) This act would create a right to a speedy trial for victims 60 years or older under the "Elderly Violence Prevention Act". Additionally, the act would create the criminal offense of "exploitation of elders". Judiciary

S-745 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (Perry & Others) This act would create the chapter in the general laws entitled "Trafficking in Persons" in Title 11 – "Criminal Offenses". Judiciary

S-753 WEAPONS (Metts & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any person to knowingly receive, transport or possess any firearm on which the importer's or manufacturer's serial number has been tampered. This act would also exempt antique and collectible weapons legally possessed by collectors and dealers of firearms. Judiciary

S-757 CRIMINAL STREET GANG ENHANCEMENT (Metts & Others) This act would establish a sentence enhancement for those who commit misdemeanors or felonies for the benefit of, at the direction, or in association with any criminal street gang or criminal street gang member. Judiciary

S-759 SEXUAL ASSAULT PROTECTIVE ORDERS (Goodwin & Others) This act would create the parameters relative to sexual assault protective orders, including forms for such orders, penalties and appeals. Judiciary

S-762 POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY MINORS (Metts & Others) This act would make the mere possession of a firearm by minors unlawful unless they hold a valid permit as authorized by law, and are in the presence of a parent, guardian or supervising adult or fall into other provided exceptions. Judiciary

S-763 WEAPONS (Metts & Others) This act would establish separate criminal penalties for the unlawful discharge of a firearm on school grounds. Judiciary

S-769 METHAMPHETAMINE (Sosnowski & Others) This act would create new criminal offenses related to methamphetamine possession and manufacture, and would establish a commission to study various related issues. Judiciary

S-771 HUNTING AND HUNTING SAFETY (Breene) This act would declare null and void any regulation or ordinance enacted by a municipality which is inconsistent with the provisions of the general laws (20-13-7) governing shooting in proximity to occupied buildings. Judiciary

S-773 POLITICAL SURVEILLANCE (Levesque & Others) This act would require that state and municipal law enforcement agencies may not collect nor maintain information about political, religious or social views, and associations or activities of anyone unless there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the subject of the information is involved in criminal conduct, and the information directly relates to the investigation of that criminal activity. Judiciary

S-783 STREET RACING (Felag & Bates) This act would create a new section in the general laws which specifically criminalizes the "street racing" of motor vehicles. Judiciary

S-792 AMBULANCE SERVICE COORDINATING BOARD (Fogarty & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of members of the Ambulance Service Coordinating Advisory Board. Health & Human Services

S-798 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Gallo & Others) This act would make it a felony for any registered sex offender to reside or otherwise be located within 500 feet of any school. Judiciary

- S-800 CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO VENDING MACHINES** (Fogarty & Others) This act would add cigarette lighters to cigarettes and other tobacco products, which sale through vending machines is controlled, to prevent availability to persons under the age of 18. Judiciary
- S-801 CIGARETTE LIGHTERS** (Fogarty & Others) This act would prohibit the purchase by, sale to or delivery of cigarette lighters to any person under the age of 18. Judiciary
- S-837 NEW FIRE ACADEMY** (Tassoni & Others) This resolution would urge the Department of Administration to begin construction of a new Fire Academy as approved by Rhode Island voters in the 2002 general election. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues
- S-904 RELIEF OF FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS** (Connors) This act would delete the definition of the words 'totally and permanently disabled' from general law section 45-19-4.1 entitled "Tuition to Children of Police Officers Dying or Disabled as a Result of Service". Finance
- S-911 RACIAL PROFILING PREVENTION** (McCaffrey) This act would amend the "Racial Profiling Prevention Act Of 2004" by shifting responsibility for administration from the R.I. Justice Commission to the Office of Highway Safety. It would also establish regular reporting requirements for all police departments. Judiciary
- S-949 HEALTH CARE COMMUNICATIONS** (Gibbs & Perry) This act would amend the "Mental Health Law" by allowing mental health professionals to provide confidential health care information to law enforcement agencies or child protective agencies when believing sexual or physical child abuse has occurred. Judiciary
- S-969 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Doyle & Tassoni) This act would allow for the release of identifying information of juvenile sex offenders on the Rhode Island State Police and Rhode Island Unified Court System websites once the juvenile reaches the age of 18. Judiciary
- S-988 FIREFIGHTER REGISTRATION PLATES** (Moura) This act would provide for the issuance of a special motor vehicle registration plate to all active and retired IAFF firefighters for any vehicle having a gross weight of less than 10,000 lbs. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues
- S-1005 PEACE OFFICER: HARBORMASTERS** (Moura) This act would add harbormasters, assistant harbormasters, and reserve police officers of any municipal or local police department to the definition of "peace officer" which gives them the power of arrest. Judiciary

S-1006 ASSAULTS: YOUTH SPORTS (Doyle & Others) This act would make the assault of a youth sports official or youth sports participant a felony, and make the harassment of a youth sports official or youth sports participant a misdemeanor. Judiciary

S-1007 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION (Gallo & Others) This act would prohibit any person required to register as a sexual offender from residing within 2000 feet of any school. It would also make violation of this law a felony. Judiciary

S-1009 SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS (Moura) This act would make the Department of Attorney General responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the chapter entitled "Safety and Health Programs for Fire Departments" which includes the requirements of NFPA 1500. Judiciary

S-1010 AUTOMATED TRAFFIC VIOLATION MONITORING SYSTEMS (Goodwin) This act would increase the number of days in which a citation shall be issued, if based on evidence obtained from an automated traffic violation detection system, from 14 days to 30 days. Judiciary

S-1012 WEAPONS (Jabour & Others) This act would define "semiautomatic weapons", and require all these weapons to be capable of microstamping ammunition subject to fines for violations. Judiciary

S-1015 PROSTITUTION AND LEWDNESS (Perry & Others) This act would add new provisions to the chapter of the general laws entitled "Prostitution and Lewdness" which focus on those individuals who promote and enable prostitution, and those who frequent prostitutes. Judiciary

S-1062 CYBERHARASSMENT (Tassoni & Others) This act would prohibit "cyberharassing" as well as cyberstalking, and would define what constitutes harassing conduct. Judiciary

S-1128 LIFESAVING MEDAL (Fogarty & Others) This act would include volunteer firefighters in the class of persons eligible to receive a lifesaving medal. Immediate Consideration

RETIREMENT

H-5131 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS

(Ucci & Others) This act would amend the provisions for determination by a city/town of a police officer's or firefighter's qualification for an accidental disability retirement, by adding job-related illness as a cause of such disability. Municipal Government

H-5205 CRASH RESCUE CREW PERSON (Pacheco) This act would provide for the eligibility for retirement of a crash rescue crew person upon the completion of 20 years of service. Finance

H-5215 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY (Lally) This act would change the application process for disability retirement benefits for police and fire personnel, and sets up a timetable should a reinjury occur after the injured member has returned to work. Labor

H-5311 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Rose) This act would now allow members of the retirement system to serve as paid members of part-time boards or commissions including municipal boards or commissions. Finance

H-5316 MEDICAL EXPENSES UPON RETIREMENT (Lally) This act would require cities/towns to continue medical coverage to firefighters and police officers after a disability retirement pension is granted. Finance

H-5347 YEARS TO VEST (San Bento & Others) This act would reduce the number of years needed to vest in the state retirement system from 10 years to 5 years. Finance

H-5396 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS (Lally) This act would allow retired police officers to reenter the service of the system in order to perform "details" or "special details" without being subject to the 75 day rule. Municipal Government

H-5717 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Malik & Others) This act would allow retired teachers and athletic coaches to work up to 150 days in any one school year in the public schools, as long as they contribute 5% of their earnings from such work to the state retirement system. Finance

H-5720 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Pacheco & Others) This act would allow retired members of the state retirement system to be reemployed by the state for 75 working days or 150 half days in any one year without forfeiture or reduction in their benefits. Finance

H-5752 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Kilmartin) This act would establish a schedule for member contributions into the state retirement system for any member whose membership commenced after July 1, 2005, or who has not completed at least 10 years of contributory service as of July 1, 2005. This act would also apply to teachers. Finance

H-5813 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (Singleton) This act would provide that for any municipal member of the state retirement system who has not completed 10 years of contributory service on July 1, 2007, the minimum retirement age shall be 59 with twenty-nine years of service or age 65 with 10 years of service. Finance

H-5928 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (McCauley) This act would permit members in the state retirement system who have retired from municipal employment under Title 45 to obtain post retirement employment with the state without the suspension of retirement benefits. Finance

H-6296 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS (Fellela & Others) This act would exempt firefighters and police officers from the 75 day rule as it applies to reemployment of retired members of the municipal employee retirement system. Finance

S-66 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY (Cicccone & Others) This act would change the application process for disability retirement benefits for police and fire personnel, and sets up a timetable should a reinjury occur after the injured member has returned to work. Finance

S-67 YEARS TO VEST (Tassoni & Others) This act would reduce the number of years needed to vest in the state retirement system from 10 years to 5 years. Finance

S-68 MEDICAL EXPENSES UPON RETIREMENT (Tassoni & Others) This act would require cities/towns to continue medical coverage to firefighters and police officers after a disability retirement pension is granted. Finance

S-80 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS (Badeau & Others) This act would amend the provisions for determination by a city/town of a police officer's or firefighter's qualification for an accidental disability retirement, by adding job-related illness as a cause of such disability. Labor

S-108 CRASH CREW RESCUE PERSON (Doyle & Others) This act would provide for the eligibility for retirement of a crash crew rescue person upon completion of 20 years of service. Finance

S-314 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS

(Ciccone & Others) This act would amend the formula for determining a police officer's or firefighter's "final compensation" for retirement purposes by basing it on compensation being earned at the time of retirement rather than on the compensation earned for an average of 3 consecutive years during the total service when that average was highest. Finance

S-317 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Connors & Others) This act would change the threshold for what constitutes "part-time" employment from \$15,000 per year to \$12,000 per year for retired members who seek reemployment at any state college or university, and those providing classroom instruction in driver education. Finance

S-421 CAP ON RETIREMENT BENEFITS (Badeau & Cote) This act would place a cap on the rate of all retirement benefits for state and municipal employees, which cap would be at the rate of percentage in effect as of July 1, 2007. Finance

S-422 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS (Badeau & Ciccone)
This act would exempt firefighters and police officers from the 75 day rule as it applies to reemployment of retired members of the municipal employee retirement system. Finance

S-423 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Badeau & Ciccone) This act would permit members in the state retirement system who have retired from municipal employment under Title 45 to obtain post retirement employment with the state without a suspension of retirement benefits. Finance

S-430 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Moura & Revens) This act would now allow members of the retirement system to serve as paid members of part-time boards or commissions including municipal boards or commissions. Finance

S-574 MEDICAL EXPENSES UPON RETIREMENT (Moura) This act would require cities/towns to continue medical coverage to firefighters and police officers after a disability retirement pension is granted. Finance

S-591 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS (Moura) This act would allow retired police officers to reenter the service of the system in order to perform "details" or "special details" without being subject to the 75 day rule. Finance

S-610 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS

(Ruggerio & Others) This act would amend the formula for determining a police officer's or firefighter's "final compensation" for retirement purposes by basing it on compensation being earned at the time of retirement rather than on the compensation earned for an average of 3 consecutive years during the total service when that average was highest. Finance

S-613 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Ruggerio & Others) This act would establish a schedule for contributions into the state retirement system for any member whose membership commenced after July 1, 2005, or who has not completed at least 10 years of contributory service as of July 1, 2005. Finance

S-619 PENSIONS AND BENEFITS: DOMESTIC PARTNERS (Connors & Others) This act would provide to domestic partners of state and municipal employees, including teachers, certain pension, death and other retirement benefits, which benefits are currently available to spouses of such employees. Finance

S-624 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS (Blais) This act would exempt firefighters and police officers from the 75 day rule as it applies to reemployment of retired members of the municipal employee retirement system. Finance

S-672 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY (Moura) This act would change the application process for disability retirement benefits for police and fire personnel, and sets up a timetable should a reinjury occur after the injured member has returned to work. Finance

TOWN & CITY CLERKS

H-5086 VITAL RECORDS (Malik & Gablinske) This act would require the state registrar of vital records to establish a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth for fetal deaths. H.E.W.

H-5240 RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS (Ucci & Others) This act would require every city/town to maintain hard copies of all land evidence records. Municipal Government

H-5291 REAL PROPERTY CONVEYANCES (Brien & Others) This act would validate many different types of real estate conveyance instruments that contain defects, which are specifically enumerated in the act, unless an action challenging the validity is commenced and a notice of lis pendens is recorded in the land records within 2 years after the date of the instrument's recordation. Judiciary

H-5300 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 39 VITAL RECORDS This article would increase fees to be charged by local registrars for searches and copies of various records. Finance

H-5300 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Watson & Others)

ART. 51 HISTORICAL RECORDS TRUST This article would increase the fee from \$2.00 to \$3.00 for every instrument filed for recording. Finance

- H-5356 CIVIL UNIONS** (Crowley & Others) This act would create a law authorizing civil unions including the requirements, procedures and dissolution thereof. Civil union licenses shall be issued by city/town clerks. Judiciary
- H-5390 SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE** (Lally) This act would authorize former probate judges to solemnize marriages in this state. Judiciary
- H-5600 MARKETABLE RECORD TITLE** (Moffitt) This act would amend the definition of "title transaction" contained in the "Marketable Record Title" chapter of the general laws. A "title transaction" would now include title by eminent domain or condemnation. Finance
- H-5626 GUARDIANSHIPS** (Jackson & Others) This act would establish additional criteria when a guardian ad litem appointed by the court is not an attorney, and would make other changes to the guardianship statutes. Judiciary
- H-5643 CIVIL UNIONS** (McManus & Others) This act would create a law authorizing civil unions including the requirements, procedures and dissolution thereof. Civil union licenses shall be issued by the city/town clerks. Judiciary
- H-5647 PROBATE: DECEDENTS' ELECTRONIC MAIL ACCOUNTS** (Scott & Others) This act would create the "Access to Decedents' Electronic Mail Accounts Act" that would require e-mail service providers to give estate executors/administrators access to or copies of decedents' e-mail accounts. Judiciary
- H-5648 PROBATE PRACTICES** (Jackson & Others) This act would outline various procedures regarding maintaining and obtaining the stenographic record of proceedings before the probate court. It would also authorize the probate court to award reasonable attorneys' fees in contested and appealed cases. The act would also mandate strict compliance with the time established for an aggrieved party to appeal the probate court's decision to the superior court. Judiciary
- H-5743 ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANTS** (Naughton & Others) This act would establish rules and regulations relating to environmental covenants, which covenants or any amendments thereto must be recorded in every city/town in which any portion of the real property subject to the covenant is located. Environment & Natural Resources
- H-5775 UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY ELECTRONIC RECORDING ACT** (Brien & Others) This act would specifically authorize the municipal recorder of deeds, at the recorder's option, to accept electronic documents for recording, and to index and store those documents. Judiciary
- H-5977 MORTGAGES** (Brien & Others) This act would provide for confirmatory residential mortgage releases, whereby a release of a mortgage executed by a person other than the person holding the mortgage would be deemed valid unless an action contesting the validity of the release is commenced. Judiciary

H-6070 PUBLIC RECORDS (Dennigan & Others) This act would amend the access to public records law by expanding the circumstances when an award of attorneys' fees may be made, and by mandating that most requests for the search and retrieval of public records be complied with within 3 days of the request. This act would also require the chief administrative officer of each law enforcement agency to certify in writing to the Attorney General that all officers and employees have been trained regarding public records access if they have the authority to grant or deny access.

Judiciary

H-6076 PUBLIC RECORDS (Dennigan & Others) This act would modify the definition of public records in the open records law to prevent the disclosure of records that would constitute a clear, unwarranted invasion of privacy or which are otherwise exempt pursuant to state law, including those protected by attorney/client and doctor/patient relationships. Judiciary

H-6081 PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY (Handy & Others) This act would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender. This act would also provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage. Judiciary

H-6159 SAME SEX MARRIAGES (San Bento & Others) This act would prohibit same sex marriages in the state, and would prohibit the state from recognizing a relationship between persons of the same sex as a marriage. Judiciary

H-6251 HISTORICAL RECORDS TRUST (Sullivan & Others) This act would increase the assessment from \$2.00 to \$4.00 for every instrument filed for recording. It would also repeal section 42-8-22 entitled "Central Registration Register". Finance

H-6353 PROBATE FEES (Ucci & Others) This act would increase the fees for the filing of certain documents with a probate court. Municipal Government

H-6456 HISTORICAL CEMETERIES: REGISTRATION SYMBOL (Caprio) This act would create the symbol for cemetery as a rectangle with the word "cem" to be used for recordation and registration purposes. Municipal Government

H-6458 CEMETERIES: RECORDATION OF INTEREST (Caprio & Walsh) This act would require that the owner of property containing a burial ground or cemetery must have recorded the deed to the property in the city/town where located before a person may record an interest in the property. Municipal Government

H-6475 PROBATE FEES (Slater & Others) This act would increase certain maximum estate filing fees from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Finance

S-12 PUBLIC RECORDS (Ciccone & Others) This act would require that all public records be stored within the state of Rhode Island, and that all record centers and public record depositories be located within Rhode Island. Finance

S-118 UNIFORM REAL PROPERTY ELECTRONIC RECORDING ACT

(Walaska) This act would specifically authorize the municipal recorder of deeds, at the recorder's option, to accept electronic documents for recording, and to index and store those documents. Judiciary

S-174 VITAL RECORDS (Felag & Others) This act would require the state registrar of vital records to establish a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth for fetal deaths. Health & Human Services

S-202 PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY (Perry & Others) This act would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender. This act would also provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage. Judiciary

S-268 RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS (Maselli & Others) This act would require the city/town clerk or recorder of deeds to record, file and maintain hard copies of all recorded instruments. Judiciary

S-337 MARKETABLE RECORD TITLE (Blais & Breene) This act would amend the definition of "title transaction" contained in the "Marketable Record Title" chapter of the general laws. A "title transaction" would now include title by eminent domain or condemnation. Judiciary

S-341 PUBLIC RECORDS (Lenihan & Others) This act would amend the access to public records law by expanding circumstances when an award of attorneys' fees may be made, and by mandating that most requests for the search and retrieval of public records be complied with within 3 days of the request. This act would also require the chief administrative officer of each law enforcement agency to certify in writing to the Attorney General that all officers and employees have been trained regarding public records access if they have the authority to grant or deny access. Judiciary

S-481 GUARDIANSHIPS (McBurney) This act would establish additional criteria when a guardian ad litem appointed by the court is not an attorney, and would make other changes to the guardianship statutes. Judiciary

S-486 MORTGAGES (Tassoni) This act would provide for confirmatory residential mortgage releases, whereby a release of a mortgage executed by a person other than the person holding the mortgage would be deemed valid unless an action contesting the validity of the release is commenced. Judiciary

S-575 HISTORICAL RECORDS TRUST (Issa) This act would increase the assessment from \$2.00 to \$6.00 for every instrument filed for recording. Finance

S-686 PROBATE: SMALL ESTATES (Levesque) This act would raise the property value for qualifying for the voluntary informal administration of small estates from personal property which total value does not exceed \$15,000 to a level of \$25,000. Judiciary

S-687 SAME SEX MARRIAGES (Blais) This act would prohibit same sex marriages in the state, and would prohibit the state from recognizing a relationship between persons of the same sex as a marriage. Judiciary

S-696 HISTORICAL RECORDS TRUST (Gallo & Others) This act would increase the assessment from \$2.00 to \$4.00 for every instrument filed for recording. Judiciary

S-732 PROBATE: DECEDENTS' ELECTRONIC MAIL ACCOUNTS (Jabour & Others) This act would create the "Access to Decedents' Electronic Mail Accounts Act" that would require e-mail service providers to give estate executors/administrators access to or copies of decedents' e-mail accounts. Judiciary

S-764 PROBATE PRACTICES (Jabour & Others) This act would outline various procedures regarding maintaining and obtaining the stenographic record of proceedings before the probate court. It would also authorize the probate court to award reasonable attorneys' fees in contested and appealed cases. The act would also mandate strict compliance with the time established for an aggrieved party to appeal the probate court's decision to the superior court. Judiciary

S-893 RECIPROCAL BENEFICIARY AGREEMENTS (Blais) This act would establish reciprocal beneficiary agreements that would permit two unmarried persons to extend specific rights and related responsibilities to each reciprocal beneficiary. These agreements would be filed with the clerk of the city/town in which at least one of the reciprocal beneficiaries resides. Judiciary

S-929 MECHANICS' LIENS (McCaffrey) This act would amend language in the "Mechanics' Liens" chapter of the general laws. It amends the effective period of notice provision by including specific language mandating recording the notice of lien in the land evidence records and its effectiveness. Judiciary

S-1011 PROBATE FEES (Jabour & Goodwin) This act would increase certain maximum estate filing fees from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Judiciary

MISCELLANEOUS

H-5079 EMINENT DOMAIN (Lima & Others) This act would prohibit municipalities and related entities from using eminent domain to acquire private property to confer a private benefit or use on a particular private entity. Finance

H-5087 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS (Lima & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any state and local government agency to deny to any individual any right, benefit or privilege provided by law because of an individual's refusal to disclose a social security number. Judiciary

H-5091 MEDICAL BENEFITS: EMPLOYEES OF CITIES AND TOWNS (Sullivan & Others) This act would require cities/towns to continue to provide health care benefits for employees who are National Guard and Reserve members called to active duty for more than 90 days. Municipal Government

H-5110 TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE (Gallison & Others) This act would make employees of the state of Rhode Island and any of its instrumentalities subject to the provisions of the "Temporary Disability Insurance" section of the general laws. Finance

H-5118 INSURANCE BENEFITS (Malik & Others) This act would amend various sections of Chapter 36-12 of the general laws entitled "Insurance Benefits". It would now encompass all persons employed by regional school districts, school committees, and municipalities. It also makes changes to the health insurance coverage of retired employees. Finance

H-5163 EXCAVATION NEAR UTILITIES (Ginaitt & Others) This act would lengthen from 48 hours to 72 hours the advance notification that public agencies which are excavating must provide to the Dig Safe Association prior to excavations. This act would also define premarking, and provide for premarking of an area to be excavated by the public agency. Corporations

H-5173 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES (Picard) This act would allow the cities/towns to create a municipal economic development zone within the city/town, and would direct that one-half of the sales and use tax collected within the zone be retained by the city/town to finance the development of the zone. Finance

H-5179 DOGS (Lewiss & Others) This act would make it a violation for any person to keep a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements. H.E.W.

H-5197 HOLIDAYS (Gallison & Others) This act would require municipal offices to be closed in observance of Victory Day, with the exception of essential services. Constituent Services

H-5264 INDEMNITY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS (Loughlin) This act would now make it mandatory for cities, towns and fire districts to indemnify officials for claims arising out of the performance of their official duties. Municipal Government

H-5273 PARKING FOR MOTORCYCLES (Petrarca & Others) This act would require the state and municipalities to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. Constituent Services

H-5277 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Almeida & Others) This act would establish "The Open Contracting Act" which would prohibit the inclusion of certain contract specifications in bids for public works projects. Finance

H-5282 MERCURY DISCLOSURE (Palumbo & Others) This act would mandate that the Department of Health develop a standardized consent form to be signed by a minor child's parent or guardian prior to any vaccination which contains mercury. H.E.W.

H-5284 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Fellela & Others) This act would expand the duties and responsibilities of animal control officers for the care of neglected animals under the "Cruelty to Animals" chapter of the general laws. This act would also hold animal control officers harmless from any civil liability arising out of their actions. H.E.W.

H-5380 HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS (Singleton & Others) This act would prohibit persons who are married and both of whom are employed by the state or its municipalities from receiving health insurance benefits or payment in lieu thereof if both persons are covered under one person's benefits. Finance

H-5421 OPEN MEETINGS: LIBRARIES (Segal & Others) This act would change the definition of "public body" in the open meetings law as it relates to libraries, changing it from a library that is funded with a majority of its operating budget from public funds to a library that is funded with 25% of its operating budget from public funds. Judiciary

H-5453 INSPECTOR GENERAL (Moffitt & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

H-5463 EMPLOYEE STATUS VERIFICATION (Palumbo & Others) This act would establish the "Employee Status Verification" chapter of the general laws. It would require all public employees and contractors/subcontractors on public works projects to register and participate in the federal work authorization program to verify information on all new employees. Judiciary

H-5481 EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN ALIENS (Singleton & Others) This act would prohibit the employment of aliens who are not entitled to lawfully reside or work in the United States, and would allow the Attorney General to issue a cease and desist order based upon an investigation which may have been initiated at the city/town level. Labor

H-5484 DOGS AND CATS (Fellela & Others) This act would establish a spaying and neutering of dogs and cats committee. It would also establish a spaying and neutering of dogs and cats fund which would distribute monies to eligible licensed releasing agencies to accomplish the purposes of the act. Finance

H-5490 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Diaz & Others) This act would provide that every construction-related public works contract in excess of \$1,000 to which a municipality is a party, and which requires the employment of a contractor or provides mortgage guarantees, tax credits or the issuance of bonds or letters of credit, would contain a provision stating the minimum wages to be paid. Finance

H-5496 INSURANCE BENEFITS (Singleton & Others) This act would amend various sections of Chapter 36-12 of the general laws entitled "Insurance Benefits". It would now encompass all persons employed by regional school districts, school committees, and municipalities. It would also make changes to the health insurance coverage of retired employees. Finance

H-5505 ADVERSE POSSESSION (Story & Others) This act would provide that any land held or preserved by a nonprofit corporation for purposes of conservation or open space is not subject to adverse possession or prescription. Judiciary

H-5506 ADVERSE POSSESSION (Story & Gemma) This act would allow one whom has been in open, notorious and hostile possession of land under the claim and color of title for 15 successive years, and who also during this period has paid all taxes assessed on such land, to be the legal owner of such land. Judiciary

H-5554 MUNICIPAL SERVICES: CONDOMINIUMS (Menard & Others) This act would require municipalities to provide those services that are provided to single family residences to condominiums or in the alternative to reimburse condominiums the cost of those services. Corporations

H-5563 EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES (Pacheco & Church) This act would require public utilities to reimburse municipal corporations for any cost incurred associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of public utility infrastructure during public works projects within municipal rights of way. Corporations

H-5589 LIBRARY SERVICES (Lewiss & Others) This act would create the Library of Rhode Island Network (LORI) to be administered by the Office of Library and Information Services which would provide statewide sharing of catalogs and databases. Finance

- H-5593 EMINENT DOMAIN** (Menard & Others) This act would prohibit cities/towns from acquiring private residential properties through eminent domain, and transferring said property to a private developer for the purpose of economic development. Finance
- H-5596 EMINENT DOMAIN** (Moffitt & Others) This act would define, limit and restrict the use of eminent domain for economic development purposes. Finance
- H-5623 EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY** (Ginaitt) This act would exempt authorized volunteers of public bodies from civil liability for certain breaches of their duties. Judiciary
- H-5641 MALFEASANCE AND MISFEASANCE IN OFFICE** (Winfield) This act would bar any official of a municipal corporation who is convicted of malfeasance or misfeasance in office from holding a position in any municipal corporation including any organization that accepts state funds or grants. Judiciary
- H-5697 RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION** (Lewiss & Others) This act would provide provisions in the general laws for the composition of the board of directors of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation, and would require members be appointed by city/town councils of the communities hosting a state airport. Separation of Powers
- H-5722 EMINENT DOMAIN** (Kennedy & Others) This act would require the preparation of a comprehensive economic development plan when local bodies are seeking to use eminent domain for the purpose of economic development. Finance
- H-5727 VICIOUS DOGS** (Lima & Others) This act would amend various sections of the chapter of the general laws entitled "Regulation of Vicious Dogs". Environment & Natural Resources
- H-5754 DOGS AND CATS** (Lewiss & Others) This act would establish a spaying and neutering of dogs and cats committee. It would also establish a spaying and neutering of dogs and cats fund which would distribute monies to eligible licensed releasing agencies to accomplish the purposes of the act. Finance
- H-5767 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Lewiss & Others) This act would define and provide penalties for various acts of animal abuse, cruelty and neglect, and would create a cause of action for the intentional or negligent death of a pet. H.E.W.
- H-5784 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS** (Lally) This act would establish certain conditions for bidding on public works contracts for contractors and their subcontractors. Labor

H-5785 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Lally) This act would require any contractor who is awarded a public works contract after July 1, 2007, to ascertain the prevailing wage rate, and make the necessary adjustments. Labor

H-5831 ILLEGAL ALIENS (Singleton & Ehrhardt) This act would prohibit state agencies and political subdivisions from entering into or renewing a public contract for services with a contractor who knowingly employs illegal aliens. It also mandates that public services contracts contain certain provisions. Finance

H-5883 CAUSES OF ACTION (Caprio) This act would provide a cause of action against local municipalities for violations of the Rhode Island Constitution. Judiciary

H-5922 INTERNATIONAL OUTSOURCING (Wasylyk & Lima) This act would prohibit the state and municipalities from awarding a contract for goods and services to be rendered or supplied by a vendor or contractor located outside the United States. Finance

H-5938 MOTOR VEHICLE FEES (Long & Jackson) This act would add a \$20.00 fee for registration of vehicles to be allocated for the maintenance of local roads and highways. Finance

H-5958 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Lima & Others) This act would require a court to issue animal protective orders against persons found guilty of abusing animals. This act would also allow a municipal animal control officer to petition district or superior court to have an animal confiscated and forfeited that is in the possession of a person found guilty of animal abuse. Judiciary

H-5981 PREVAILING WAGE (Long & Others) This act would raise the threshold for municipal projects which require a prevailing wage pay rate from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Labor

H-5986 EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES (Long & Others) This act would require public utilities to be responsible for any cost incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of public utility infrastructure during public works projects within municipal rights of way. Municipal Government

H-6115 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Trillo & Others) This act would increase the maximum fine to \$10,000 for the crime of committing a malicious injury to or the killing of an animal, and make it applicable to all persons age 14 and over. H.E.W.

H-6182 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Fox) This act would establish certain conditions for bidding on public works contracts for contractors and their subcontractors. Labor

H-6192 HARBORMASTER TRAINING (Gallison & Others) This act would provide that the Rhode Island Harbormaster Training Academy would be governed by a 7 member training and standards commission. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6193 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS (Gallison & Others) This act would require the approval of both the senate finance committee and the house finance committee prior to the issuance of any community development block grant. Finance

H-6254 HOLIDAYS (Singleton & Others) This act would prohibit cities/.towns from enacting ordinances or policies which require the renaming of certain holidays and/or the symbols associated with those holidays. Constituent Services

H-6335 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Almeida & Others) This act would require contractors to furnish bonds when awarded a public works contract in excess of \$200,000, which is an increase from the current \$50,000 limit. Finance

H-6381 MASTER FIRE ALARM BOX CHARGES (Diaz & Others) This act would authorize cities/towns to enact ordinances assessing users a reasonable charge for the use of master alarm fire box systems of the fire departments of the cities/towns. Municipal Government

H-6414 FIRE HYDRANT RENTALS (Almeida & Others) This act would prohibit the assessment of rental fees for fire hydrants by municipalities. Municipal Government

H-6423 TREE WARDENS (McManus & Others) This act would enable elected town administrators to appoint tree wardens. Municipal Government

H-6450 ACCESS TO CEMETERIES (Caprio) This act would allow a right of access for reasonable ingress to and egress from a cemetery where no public ingress or egress is available, for the purpose of visiting the cemetery or private burial ground. Municipal Government

H-6451 HISTORICAL CEMETERIES (Caprio & Walsh) This act would include historical cemeteries among the sites and landmarks under the control and supervision of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission. Municipal Government

H-6452 CEMETERIES: STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST (Caprio & Walsh) This act would require the state archaeologist to be notified whenever the remains of any body is found or suspected to be in any ancient burial place. Municipal Government

H-6457 EXCAVATION, REMOVAL AND TRANSFER OF GRAVES (Caprio & Walsh) This act would increase the fine for violation of the procedures established for the proper excavation, removal and transfer of graves. Municipal Government

H-6459 MAINTENANCE OF HISTORICAL CEMETERIES (Caprio) This act would allow cities/towns to designate surplus funds for the care and maintenance of historical cemeteries. Municipal Government

H-6492 ACCESS TO CEMETERIES (Caprio) This act would provide that a municipality shall issue a permit allowing for a right of entry over private land in order to enter a private burial ground. Municipal Government

H-6562 FIRE HYDRANT RENTALS (Kilmartin & Others) This act would prohibit the assessment of rental fees for fire hydrants by municipalities. Finance

S-58 EXCAVATION NEAR UTILITIES (Walaska & Others) This act would lengthen from 48 hours to 72 hours the advance notification that public agencies which are excavating must provide to the Dig Safe Association prior to excavations. This act would also define premarking, and provide for premarking of an area to be excavated by the public agency. Environment & Agriculture

S-101 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Doyle & Others) This act would expand the duties and responsibilities of animal control officers for the care of neglected animals under the "Cruelty to Animals" chapter of the general laws. This act would also hold animal control officers harmless from any civil liability arising out of their actions. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-102 VICIOUS DOGS (Tassoni & Others) This act would amend various sections of the chapter of the general laws entitled "Regulation of Vicious Dogs". Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-141 PARKING FOR MOTORCYCLES (Tassoni & Others) This act would require the state and municipalities to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. Judiciary

S-142 OPEN MEETINGS (Ciccione & Others) This act would authorize the use of electronic communication or telephonic communication as a reasonable accommodation for a member of a public body who has a disability, and would not otherwise be able to participate. Judiciary

S-143 EMINENT DOMAIN (Sheehan & Others) This act would define, limit and restrict the use of eminent domain for economic development purposes. Judiciary

S-144 ADVERSE POSSESSION (Bates & Others) This act would allow one who has been in open, notorious and hostile possession of land under the claim and color of title for 15 successive years, and who also during this period has paid all taxes assessed on such land, to be the legal owner of such land. Judiciary

S-206 OPEN MEETINGS: LIBRARIES (Perry & Others) This act would change the definition of “public body” in the open meetings law as it relates to libraries, changing it from a library that is funded with a majority of its operating budget from public funds to a library that is funded with 25% of its operating budget from public funds. Judiciary

S-209 LAND TRUSTS (Bates & Others) This act would establish that duly authorized land trusts for preservation of open spaces for public use are not subject to adverse possession. Judiciary

S-210 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Badeau) This act would establish “The Open Contracting Act” which would prohibit the inclusion of certain contract specifications in bids for public works projects. Judiciary

S-248 INSPECTOR GENERAL (Raptakis & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

S-259 PARKING FOR MOTORCYCLES (Tassoni & Others) This act would require the state and municipalities to provide designated parking spaces for motorcycles at public buildings. Housing & Municipal Government

S-272 EMINENT DOMAIN (Gibbs & Others) This act would define, limit and restrict the use of eminent domain for economic development purposes. Judiciary

S-286 EMINENT DOMAIN (Cote & Others) This act would prohibit municipalities and related entities from using eminent domain to acquire private property to confer a private benefit or use on a particular private entity. Judiciary

S-288 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS (Perry & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any state and local government agency to deny to any individual any right, benefit or privilege provided by law because of an individual's refusal to disclose a social security number. Judiciary

S-340 CAUSES OF ACTION (Lenihan & Others) This act would provide a cause of action against local municipalities for violations of the Rhode Island Constitution. Judiciary

S-374 EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES (Gibbs & Others) This act would require public utilities to reimburse municipal corporations for any cost incurred associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of public utility infrastructure during public works projects within municipal rights of way. Corporations

S-390 LIBRARY SERVICES (Bates & Others) This act would create the Library of Rhode Island Network (LORI) to be administered by the Office of Library and Information Services which would provide statewide sharing of catalogs and databases. Education

S-474 RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION DEVICES (Ciccone & Others) This act would restrict the use of radio frequency identification devices for the purpose of tracking the movement or identity of an employee, student, client or any other individual as a condition of obtaining a benefit or service. Judiciary

S-494 PREVAILING WAGE (Gibbs & Bates) This act would raise the threshold for municipal projects which require a prevailing wage pay rate from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Labor

S-503 AWARD OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would impose certain requirements on any entity which disburses public funds on construction projects by forbidding the utilization of contractors and subcontractors under certain specified circumstances. Labor

S-504 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would provide that every construction-related public works contract in excess of \$1,000 to which a municipality is a party, and which requires the employment of a contractor or provides mortgage guarantees, tax credits or the issuance of bonds or letters of credit, would contain a provision stating the minimum wages to be paid. Labor

S-510 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would establish certain conditions for bidding on public works contracts for contractors and their subcontractors. Labor

S-513 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require any contractor who is awarded a public works contract after July 1, 2007, to ascertain the prevailing wage rate, and make the necessary adjustments. Labor

S-524 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Perry & Others) This act would define and provide penalties for various acts of animal abuse, cruelty and neglect, and would create a cause of action for the intentional or negligent death of a pet. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

S-527 DOGS (Perry & Others) This act would provide guidelines and penalties for any person that keeps a dog outside tethered, penned, caged, fenced or otherwise confined without adequate shelter from the elements. Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

- S-545 EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES** (Fogarty & Others)
 This act would require public utilities to be responsible for any cost incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of public utility infrastructure during public works projects within municipal rights of way. Corporations
- S-584 MEDICAL BENEFITS: EMPLOYEES OF CITIES AND TOWNS** (Moura)
 This act would require cities/towns to continue to provide health care benefits for employees who are National Guard and Reserve members called to active duty for more than 90 days. Finance
- S-612 HISTORIC STRUCTURES: PREVAILING WAGE** (Ruggerio & Others)
 This act would make amounts expended over \$1000 for “qualified rehabilitation expenditures” under the “Historic Structures – Tax Credit” chapter subject to the prevailing wage and payments on behalf of an employee. Finance
- S-677 EMPLOYEE STATUS VERIFICATION** (Maselli) This act would establish the “Employee Status Verification” chapter of the general laws. It would require all public employees and contractors/subcontractors on public works projects to register and participate in the federal work authorization program to verify information on all new employees. Labor
- S-768 EMINENT DOMAIN** (Pichardo & Others) This act would require the preparation of a comprehensive economic development plan when local bodies are seeking to use eminent domain for the purpose of economic development. Judiciary
- S-770 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require a court to issue animal protective orders against persons found guilty of abusing animals. This act would also allow a municipal animal control officer to petition district or superior court to have any animal confiscated and forfeited that is in the possession of a person found guilty of animal abuse. Judiciary
- S-790 INTERNATIONAL OUTSOURCING** (DaPonte) This act would prohibit the state and municipalities from awarding a contract for goods and services to be rendered or supplied by a vendor or contractor located outside the United States. Finance
- S-972 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS** (Metts & Others) This act would require contractors to furnish bonds when awarded a public works contract in excess of \$200,000, which is an increase from the current \$50,000 limit. Labor
- S-1000 INSURANCE BENEFITS** (Felag & Walaska) This act would amend various sections of Chapter 36-12 of the general laws entitled “Insurance Benefits”. It would now encompass all persons employed by regional school districts, school committees, and municipalities. It would also make changes to the health insurance coverage of retired employees. Health & Human Services

S-1001 MASTER FIRE ALARM BOX CHARGES (Ruggerio & Goodwin) This act would authorize cities/towns to enact ordinances assessing users a reasonable charge for use of master alarm fire box systems of the fire departments of the cities/towns. Housing & Municipal Government

S-1003 FIRE HYDRANT RENTALS (Ruggerio & Others) This act would prohibit the assessment of rental fees for fire hydrants by municipalities. Housing & Municipal Government

SPECIAL ACTS for CITIES & TOWNS

BRISTOL

- H-5750 Date Changes of Property Tax Revaluation and Update
H-6408 Sales Tax Exemption for Writers, etc. in Arts District
- S-580 Date Changes of Property Tax Revaluation and Update
S-994 Sales Tax Exemption for Writers, etc. in Arts District

BURRILLVILLE

- H-5303 Pascoag Utility District – Articles of Incorporation Amended
H-6062 Issuance of Licenses for Historic Farmstays
H-6332 Glendale Water Association – Articles of Incorporation
H-6390 Tax Credits for Historic Structures
- S-261 Pascoag Utility District – Articles of Incorporation Amended
S-1040 Glendale Water Association – Articles of Incorporation
S-1043 Tax Credits for Historic Structures
S-1051 Issuance of Licenses for Historic Farmstays

CENTRAL FALLS

- H-5265 Conveyance of Title to Water Distribution System to Pawtucket
H-6170 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
H-6258 Powers of Municipal Detention Facility Corporation
H-6425 Tax Exemptions – Amendments to Various Categories
H-6551 Special State Aid Payment – Refund School Bonds
- S-181 Conveyance of Title to Water Distribution System to Pawtucket
S-967 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
S-1094 Tax Exemptions – Amendments to Various Categories
S-1125 Special State Aid Payment – Refund School Bonds
S-1140 Powers of Municipal Detention Facility Corporation

CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

- H-6326 Bonds - \$26,000,000 – Schools / School Facilities
- S-961 Bonds - \$26,000,000 – Schools / School Facilities

CHARLESTOWN

- H-5189 Bonds - \$1,000,000 – Affordable Housing Initiatives
(Enacted as Public Law 16 effective 5/3/07)
- H-6479 Charlestown Fire District – Articles of Incorporation Amended
- S-135 Bonds - \$1,000,000 – Affordable Housing Initiatives
(Enacted as Public Law 11 effective 4/11/07)
- S-1077 Charlestown Fire District – Articles of Incorporation Amended

COVENTRY

- H-5848 Regulation of Earth Removal and Gravel Processing
- H-6486 Western Coventry Fire Dist. - Articles of Incorporation Amended
- H-6514 Bonds - \$32,250,000 – Construction of Public Facilities
- S-84 Regulation of Earth Removal and Gravel Processing
- S-664 Use of Granite Curbs by DOT on Highway Projects
- S-1072 Western Coventry Fire Dist. - Articles of Incorporation Amended
- S-1095 Bonds - \$32,250,000 – Construction of Public Facilities

CRANSTON

- H-5728 Zoning Board of Review to Include 4 Alternates
- H-6308 Cranston Sanitary Landfill – Study of Solid Waste Reuse
- H-6488 Acceptance of Grants and Gifts – School Dept./School Committee
- H-6489 Deferral of Payment of Property Taxes – Elderly/Disabled
- S-603 State to Appropriate Additional Funds if ACI Population Increases
- S-855 Zoning Board of Review to Include 4 Alternates
- S-1091 Deferral of Payment of Property Taxes – Elderly/Disabled

CUMBERLAND

- H-6297 Frequency of Performance of Assessment Updates/Revaluations
- H-6530 Property Tax Exemption – Blackstone Valley ARC
- S-1115 Property Tax Exemption – Blackstone Valley ARC

EAST GREENWICH

- H-6305 East Greenwich Fire District – Articles of Incorporation
- S-1039 Bonds - \$4,000,000 – Senior and Community Center
- S-1042 Bonds - \$52,000,000 – Schools / School Facilities

EAST PROVIDENCE

- H-6148 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
H-6283 Development District Commission – Membership and Composition

EXETER

- H-6162 Motor Vehicle and Tangible Excise Tax Certificates
S-736 Motor Vehicle and Tangible Excise Tax Certificates
S-1052 Exeter Fire District – Articles of Incorporation Amended

GLOCESTER

- H-6099 Chepachet Fire District – Articles of Incorporation Amended
H-6145 Sand Dam Reservoir Assn. – Increased Property Tax Exemption
S-91 Chepachet Fire District – Articles of Incorporation Amended
S-842 Sand Dam Reservoir Assn. – Increased Property Tax Exemption
S-1139 Echo Lake Water District – Articles of Incorporation Amended

HOPKINTON

- H-5523 Establishment of Municipal Court
H-6566 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
S-690 Establishment of Municipal Court

JAMESTOWN

- H-6476 Sales Tax and Personal Income Tax Exemptions for Writers, etc.
H-6526 Bonds - \$1,500,000 – Construction of Highway Garage
H-6527 Bonds - \$1,500,000 – Construction of Highway Garage
S-1068 Sales Tax and Personal Income Tax Exemptions for Writers, etc.
S-1078 Bonds - \$1,500,000 – Construction of Highway Garage
S-1079 Bonds - \$1,500,000 – Construction of Highway Garage

JOHNSTON

- H-5138 Transfer of Land by R.I. Resource Recovery to Land Trust
- H-5153 R.I. Resource Recovery to Comply with Municipal Authority
- H-5241 Creation of New Citizens Advisory Bd. – Solid Waste Mgmt.
- H-5608 R.I. Resource Recovery to Pay Town \$1,000,000 per year
- H-5658 Transfer of School Dept. to William E. Davies Vocational Area
- H-5817 Solid Waste Fines Increased – Reimbursement for Enforcement
- H-6263 Tax Deferment for Elderly, Disabled, and Disabled Veterans
- H-6297 Frequency of Performance of Assessment Updates/Revaluations
- H-6354 Authorization to Impose a Supplemental Tax

- S-402 R.I. Resource Recovery to Pay Town \$1,000,000 per year
- S-568 Transfer of School Dept. to William E. Davies Vocational Area
- S-752 Solid Waste Fines Increased – Reimbursement for Enforcement
- S-915 Tax Deferment for Elderly, Disabled, and Disabled Veterans
- S-952 Authorization to Impose a Supplemental Tax

KENT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

- S-534 Increased Compensation for Water Board Members

LINCOLN

- H-5093 Veterans' Tax Exemptions – Amounts Increased
- H-5094 Disabled Veterans' Tax Exemptions – Amounts Increased
- H-6490 Video Lottery Terminal – Zoning/Land Use Restrictions Forbidden

- S-171 Veterans' Tax Exemptions – Amounts Increased

LITTLE COMPTON

- H-5051 School Committee Meetings – Notice Provisions

MIDDLETOWN

- H-5121 Study of Regionalization of Certain School District Functions

NEW SHOREHAM

- H-5068 Sales Tax and Personal Income Tax Exemptions for Writers, etc.
H-6365 Fees for Parking on Town and State Roads
H-6533 Power to Sell Abandoned Highway or Driftway
- S-17 Sales Tax and Personal Income Tax Exemptions for Writers, etc
S-1004 Fees for Parking on Town and State Roads
S-1076 Power to Sell Abandoned Highway or Driftway

NEWPORT

- H-5121 Study of Regionalization of Certain School District Functions
H-5346 Termination of Share of Net Terminal Income from Video Lottery
H-6490 Amendments to Master Video Lottery Terminal Contract

NORTH KINGSTOWN

- H-5239 Bonds - \$20,100,000 – School Renovations
(Enacted as Public Law 4 effective 3/1/07)
H-5263 Property Tax Relief for Elderly – Increased Exemption Amounts
H-5536 Property Tax Relief for Elderly – Increased Exemption Amounts
(Enacted as Public Law 5 effective 3/1/07)
H-6111 Termination of Quonset Development Corporation
H-6500 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
- S-245 Bonds - \$20,100,000 – School Renovations
(Enacted as Public Law 2 effective 3/1/07)
S-265am Property Tax Relief for Elderly – Increased Exemption Amounts
(Enacted as Public Law 3 effective 3/1/07)

NORTH PROVIDENCE

- H-5866 At Large Elections – Repeal of General Law Section 17-1-9
S-718 At Large Elections – Repeal of General Law Section 17-1-9

NORTH SMITHFIELD

- H-6453 Bonds - \$21,000,000 – Sewers/Sewer Lines/ Pumping Stations
- H-6454 Bonds - \$12,000,000 – Library / Library Facilities
- H-6480 Property Tax Exemptions – Increased Amounts
- H-6481 Property Tax Classification – Classes Amended

- S-1092 Property Tax Classification – Classes Amended
- S-1093 Property Tax Exemptions – Increased Amounts
- S-1096 Bonds - \$12,000,000 – Library / Library Facilities
- S-1097 Bonds - \$21,000,000 – Sewers/Sewer Lines/Pumping Stations

PAWTUCKET

- H-5265 Conveyance by Central Falls of Title to Water Distribution System
- H-5819 Division of Motor Vehicles Branch Office to Be Opened
- H-5899 Elderly Property Tax Deferral on Owner-occupied Dwellings
- H-6124 Tax Exemptions – Amounts Increased for Various Categories
- H-6126 Sales Tax and Personal Income Tax Exemptions for Writers, etc.
- H-6559 Approval of Lease Agreement – Department of Human Services

- S-181 Conveyance by Central Falls of Title to Water Distribution System
- S-620 Sales Tax and Personal Income Tax Exemptions for Writers, etc.
- S-871 Tax Exemptions – Amounts Increased for Various Categories
- S-1132 Approval of Lease Agreement – Department of Human Services
- S-1133 Approval of Lease Agreement – Department of Human Services

PORTSMOUTH

- H-5121 Study of Regionalization of Certain School District Functions
- H-5217 Bonds - \$3,000,000 – Acquisition of Wind Turbines
- H-5268 Exemption from Maximum Tax Levy Provision – Revaluation
- H-5489 Exemption from Maximum Tax Levy Provision – Revaluation
- H-6221 Extension of Revaluation Date from 2007 to 2010
- H-6493 Bonds - \$105,000,000 – Sewers/Sewerage Systems
- H-6494 Bonds - \$40,000,000 – Sewers/Sewerage Systems
- H-6540 Bonds - \$4,000,000 – Acquisition of Open Space

- S-164 Exemption from Maximum Tax Levy Provision – Revaluation
- S-260 Bonds - \$3,000,000 – Acquisition of Wind Turbines
- S-947 Exemption from Maximum Tax Levy Provision – Revaluation
- S-1036 Prudence Island – Pub. Safety Officer Designated “Peace Officer”
- S-1065 Bonds - \$105,000,000 – Sewers/Sewerage Systems
- S-1066 Bonds - \$40,000,000 – Sewers/Sewerage Systems
- S-1114 Bonds - \$4,000,000 – Acquisition of Open Space

PROVIDENCE

- H-5047 Tax Freeze on Owner-occupied Property – Eligibility Amendments
H-5080 Establishment of a Neighborhood Community Arts Center
(Enacted as Resolution 25 effective 1/16/07)
H-6043 Amendments to “The I-195 Redevelopment Act of 2002”
H-6160 Preparation of Nomination Papers
H-6284 Capital Center Commission – Composition and Appointment
H-6285 I-195 Redevelopment Board – Composition and Appointment
H-6337 Enterprise Zone Designation – Criteria Amended
H-6384 Tax Classification – Class 1 Amended
H-6548 Bonds - \$700,000,000 – Unfunded Pension Liability
H-6563 Special State Aid Payment – Refund of PBA Revenue Bonds
- S-336 Repeal of “The I-195 Redevelopment Act of 2002”
S-767 Amendments to “The I-195 Redevelopment Act of 2002”
S-975 Appointment of Convention Center Authority Commissioners
S-991 Enterprise Zone Designation – Criteria Amended

RICHMOND

- S-963 Optional Retirement for Members of Police Department

SCITUATE

- H-6424 Bonds - \$9,200,000 – School Construction/Renovation
S-1035 Bonds - \$9,200,000 – School Construction/Renovation

SOUTH KINGSTOWN

- H-5013 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
(Enacted as Public Law 15 effective 5/3/07)
H-5413 Sales Tax Exemption for Writers, etc. in Arts District
H-6327 Creation of a Solid Waste Management District
- S-92 Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
(Enacted as Public Law 9 effective 3/29/07)
S-1002 Creation of a Solid Waste Management District

WARREN

H-5333 Assessment and Taxation of Newly Created Lots
H-6223 Historic Commercial Structures – Tax Credit

S-180 Assessment and Taxation of Newly Created Lots
S-914 Historic Commercial Structures – Tax Credit

WARWICK

H-5084 Appropriation of \$5,000,000 by R.I. Airport Corporation
H-5202 State Auditor General to Audit Warwick Sewer Authority
H-5576 Date for Procurement of Permanent Air Quality Monitors Changed
H-5897 Veterans' Tax Exemptions – Amounts Increased
H-6208 Amendments to "The Permanent Air Quality Monitoring Act"

S-400 Date for Procurement of Permanent Air Quality Monitors Changed
S-576 Veterans' Tax Exemptions – Amounts Increased
S-1074 Permanent Air Quality Monitoring Act - Amendments

WEST GREENWICH

H-6491 Development of Regional Heavy Equipment Auction Facility

S-736 Motor Vehicle and Tangible Excise Tax Certificates
S-1075 Development of Regional Heavy Equipment Auction Facility

WEST WARWICK

H-6330 Tax Exemptions – Amendments to Various Categories
H-6360 Tax Exemptions for Elderly/Disabled – Converted to Tax Credit
H-6361 Veterans' Exemptions – Tax Credit Amounts
H-6362 Exemption for Visually Impaired Persons – Tax Credit Amounts
H-6363 Exemption of Persons Over Age 65 – Converted to a Tax Credit
H-6364 Gold Star Parents' Exemption – Converted to a Tax Credit
H-6575 Establishment of Business Registration Certificates

S-934 Tax Exemptions – Amendments to Various Categories
S-1118 Tax Stabilization Agreement – Dial Family Resorts
S-1134 Sales Tax Exemption – Shipwreck Falls Resort Project

WESTERLY

H-5092 Conveyance of Land to Municipal Land Trust
H-5132 Assignment of Tax Titles to Municipal Land Trust
H-6282 Dunn's Corners Fire District – Articles of Incorporation

S-63 Conveyance of Land to Municipal Land Trust
S-93 Assignment of Tax Titles to Municipal Land Trust
S-666 Dunn's Corners Fire District – Articles of Incorporation

WOONSOCKET

H-6149 Bonds - \$80,000,000 – Schools / School Facilities
H-6532 Municipally Elected Officials – Candidacy for State/Federal Office
S-869 Bonds - \$80,000,000 – Schools / School Facilities

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