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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

**H-7319A PROPANE GAS** (Keable & Others) This act would set measurement standards for the sale of propane. Corporations

**H-7504 FORECLOSED PROPERTY-UPKEEP** (Lima & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island foreclosed property upkeep act and would require a purchaser of foreclosed property to maintain the property in accordance with the Rhode Island housing and maintenance and occupancy code and also to identify an agent in Rhode Island for service of process. Judiciary

**H-7560 PERMIT/IMPACT FEES** (Jacquard & San Bento) This act would create temporary reductions on certain fees and taxes relating to building and construction, specifically permit fees, impact fees and lumber and other building materials. Finance

**H-7635 APPLICATIONS AND PERMITS** (Lally) This act would require the local building official to examine all applications for permits or amendments thereto within thirty (30) days of filing and either issue the permit or reject it in writing stating the reasons for rejection. Small Business

**H-7674 MINING SITES** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would empower the state building commissioner to enforce the state building code as to any structures or buildings or parts thereof that are built upon land wherever located in the state presently and/or previously utilized for any type of mining operations. H.E.W.

**H-7881 WOOD BURNING STOVES** (Handy & Others) This act would require the phase-out of wood stoves without EPA certification in densely populated residential areas. Local fire authorities would have the responsibility to inspect wood stoves for an EPA certification label, and to issue notices of violations with copies sent to the local building inspector or building official. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-8350 REINSPECTION FEES** (Corvese) This act would prohibit municipal building officials from assessing a fee for the first re-inspection of work which has failed the initial inspection. Municipal Government

**S-2016 OUTDOOR HYDRONIC HEATERS** (Walaska) This act would regulate the sale, installation, and fuel of outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters. This act would also provide municipalities the ability to enact and enforce local ordinances with respect to zoning, emission limits, required testing, monitoring, certification, and specify the types of fuels allowed. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2264aa**      **PROPANE GAS** (Fogarty & Others) This act would set measurement standards for the sale of propane. Commerce

**S-2280**      **REINSPECTION FEES** (Lombardo & Others) This act would prohibit municipal building officials from assessing a fee for the first re-inspection of work which has failed the initial inspection. Housing & Municipal Government

## EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

**H-7012 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES** (Lombardi & Others) This act would require school committees to provide transportation for any student who resides two (2) or more miles from school. H.E.W

**H-7026 DISMISSAL NOTIFICATION** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would amend the notification requirements regarding the dismissal, suspension or lay-off of teachers in the event of a fiscal exigency or program reorganization. Labor

**H-7118 PARENTAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** (Coderre & Corvese) This act would create the Parental Choice Scholarship Program, based on income guidelines relative to the national free or reduced price lunch program, which would enable students from lower income families to qualify for scholarships to enroll in and attend a participating public school outside of the district, a magnet school, an alternative school, or certain private schools. The act also establishes evaluation and accountability standards for participating schools. Finance

**H-7124A SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY** (Kennedy & Others) This act would prevent any educational institution from requiring, as a condition of acceptance or participation in curricular or extracurricular activities, students to provide access to, alter the settings of, or divulge account information of social media accounts. This act would also apply to employees of educational institutions except in circumstances involving investigations into workplace misconduct or workplace related violations of applicable law. Judiciary

**H-7095 COMMON CORE STANDARDIZED TESTING** (Amore & Others) This act would delay the implementation of the standardized testing based on common core curriculum until a commission, created by this law, has had an opportunity to study and evaluate it, and further, has submitted its findings and recommendations to the governor and the general assembly as to the adequacy and efficiency of such standardized testing. H.E.W

**H-7096Aaa EDUCATOR EVALUATIONS** (O'Brien & Others) This act would provide that, pursuant to department of education evaluation standards, teachers who obtain a rating of "highly effective" or the equivalent thereof would be evaluated not more than once every four (4) years, and that teachers who obtain a rating of "effective" or the equivalent thereof would be evaluated not more than once every three (3) years. This act would not prohibit annual evaluations for teachers during their first three (3) years in a district and would provide that a teacher who changes certification be evaluated the subsequent year. H.E.W.

**H-7144 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES** (Craven & Others) This act would require that a child with a disability attend a minimum of one hundred fifty-five (155) days in

school within a school year in order for the student to be documented as having a disability, for any state or federal benefits that require such documentation. Student's failure to meet this requirement may be medically excused by the students treating physician. H.E.W

**H-7145** **STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS** (McNamara & Others) This act would redirect substance abuse prevention funds to "Student Assistance Programs". H.E.W

**H-7146** **STANDARDIZED TEST ASSESSMENT PROGRAM** (Dickinson) This act would direct the Rhode Island department of education to study and implement a state standardized test assessment program over a ten year period commencing on July 1, 2014. This act would also provide that state assessments would not be used to determine a student's eligibility to be promoted to the next grade and/or to graduate from high school. H.E.W

**H-7152** **SCHOOL BUSES: CELL PHONES** (Corvese & Azzinaro) This act would make it illegal for a student to use a cell phone on a school bus in a non-emergency situation. Judiciary

**H-7212** **MAYORAL ACADEMIES: RETIREMENT** (Fellela & Others) This act would add teachers' retirement pursuant to chapter 16-16 to the list of provisions that would be binding on mayoral academies. The act would also delete the provisions that permit administrators in mayoral academies to participate in the state teachers' retirement system. Finance

**H-7218** **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS** (Kazarian & Others) This act would require all public schools in grades kindergarten through twelve (12), to have at least one full-time certified school social worker for every four hundred (400) students. H.E.W

**H-7219A** **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Giarusso & Others) This act would require contract employees of a private school or public school department, and individuals hired by a third party vendor who has contracted with the private school or public school department to provide services, to undergo a national criminal background check, prior to or within one week of employment at the school. The act would also expand the disqualifying information on the national criminal background check to include convictions of child pornography offenses. H.E.W

**H-7240** **REGIONALIZATION BONUS** (Malik & Others) This act would amend the provisions of the Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act by freezing the amount of the regionalization bonus at two percent (2%) of the state's share of the foundation education aid formula, and by removing the provision that the bonus would cease in the third fiscal year after regionalization. Finance

**H-7246**     **FUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION** (Guthrie & Others) Joint Resolution creating a special legislative commission to examine funding Rhode Island’s elementary and secondary public education via revenue generated through state income tax. Finance

**H-7253**     **SHARED USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES** (Naughton & Others) This act would encourage school committees to allow public use of indoor and outdoor school property for recreation or sport. The act would limit the liability of the school committee and municipality for claims of loss and injury arising from such use. H.E.W

**H-7255**     **MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GPA** (Phillips & Others) This act would provide that all public school systems in the state would require a student to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of at least seventy (70) out of one hundred (100) for all years the student attend public high school, in order to graduate from high school. H.E.W

**H-7256**     **STATE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM** (Cimini & Others) This act would amend the method by which the state assessment program would be implemented in public schools. The act would provide that no state assessment conducted pursuant to chapter 16-97 and prior to July 1, 2019, would be used to determine a student's eligibility to graduate from high school. H.E.W

**H-7257**     **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS** (MacBeth & Others) This act would require that individuals who are prospective volunteers of a school department and who may have direct and unmonitored contact with children and/or students in the school and, who have not previously volunteered in the school within the past 12 months, to undergo a state and national criminal background check. H.E.W

**H-7280**     **CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES** (Costantino & Others) Joint resolution creating a special legislative commission to examine the consolidation of municipal and educational functions and/or statewide basis. Municipal Government

**H-7291**     **BOND ISSUANCE** (Keable & Newberry) This act would provide that if a municipality or local educational agency (LEA) has an A rating or better with any of the primary rating agencies, the municipality or LEA will be able to issue and sell their bonds on the open market, without the need for general assembly approval or to go through the Rhode Island health and educational building corporation. Finance

**H-7292**     **CIRRICULUM: SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS** (Johnston & Others) This act would provide for courses of study for pupils in grades kindergarten through 8 to prevent child abduction, child sexual exploitation, and abuse. H.E.W

**H-7353**    **FOUNDATION EDUCATION AID** (Casey & Phillips) This act would amend the calculation of the permanent foundation education aid to school districts. The act would make an adjustment based upon students residing in qualified low income housing. Finance

**H-7354**    **FOUNDATION STATE AID** (Casey & Phillips) This act would delete the provisions of § 16-7-34.3 regarding reimbursement by the state for conventional public housing students and would add similar language to § 16-7.2-6 to provide permanent foundation education aid funding for services and instructional services for students residing in conventional public housing units. Finance

**H-7366**    **SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION** (Johnston & Others) This act would create the "Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Act" which would require coaches and assistant coaches to complete a child sexual abuse prevention training program, with at least two (2) hours of instruction time. The course would be retaken every five (5) years. H.E.W

**H-7367**    **CONCUSSION TRAINING** (Gallison & Others) This act would require teachers and school nurses to complete a low or no cost training course and an annual refresher course in concussions and traumatic brain injuries. H.E.W

**H-7412**    **APPROPRIATION: JASON PROJECT** (Serpa & Others) This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 for the Jason Project to expand the implementation of the STEM program. Finance

**H-7414**    **CURRICULUM** (Naughton) This act would appropriate seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the fiscal year 2015 for CPR mannequins and CPR training. Finance

**H-7433**    **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Silva & Others) This act would provide that the percentage of a charter public school's housing costs reimbursed with state aid, for school housing projects completed after June 30, 2014, would be equal to the percentage of school housing costs reimbursed with state aid for the municipality where a charter public school is located. Finance

**H-7440**    **RECORDS** (Newberry) This act would require that before the school system of a child in DCYF custody can be changed, the child's medical and academic records must be provided to the new school system first. H.E.W

**H-7441**    **RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES** (Naughton & Others) This act would provide that a student who is in foster care would have the right to remain enrolled in and attend school in a district where the student previously resided, if such placement were deemed by the family court to be in the pupil's best interest. H.E.W



**H-7444 MAYORAL ACADEMIES: CHARTERS** (Palumbo & Others) This act would provide that a mayoral academy charter school's application would not be approved by the board of education unless the school committee and the city or town council of each included municipality also approved the application. H.E.W

**H-7447 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION: DYSLEXIA/READING DISABILITIES** (Naughton & Others) This resolution would create a seven member special legislative study commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study to improve the educational outcomes for students with dyslexia and/or reading disabilities. H.E.W

**H-7495 MAYORAL ACADEMIES: PUPIL SELECTION** (Blazejewski & Others) This act would require mayoral academies to use a random selection process to select eligible public school students who would be invited to attend the mayoral academy. H.E.W

**H-7556 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING** (Slater & Diaz) This act would revise the provisions for funding for transportation of students to the William M. Davies Jr. Career and Technical High School and the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center. Finance

**H-7564 HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY TEST-FEES** (Diaz & Others) This act would authorize the department of education to waive any fees associated with the high school equivalency test for individuals with limited income and appropriates the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) each year commencing July 1, 2014 to cover administrative costs associated with this program. Finance

**H-7580 ACCESS TO ASSESSMENT RECORDS** (Keable & Others) This act would ensure parental access to information, materials or results relating to state assessments of students including instructions, answer sheets and assessment booklets. This act would also prevent the collection and storage of personally identifiable and personal data. H.E.W

**H-7581 SCHOOL SYSTEM DISCIPLINE** (Tanzi & Others) This act would direct the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to develop a method to analyze data regarding the imposition of school discipline, focusing on the disproportionate impact on students based on race or ethnicity and would provide that suspensions issued pursuant to this act be in-school suspensions unless the conduct of the student rises to the level that he or she presents a threat to other students, teachers or administrators. H.E.W

**H-7659 AUDITS** (Winfield & Others) This act would mandate each school department undergo an audit every ten (10) years, the cost of which would be reimbursed by the state and subject to the savings amount realized by the audit. Finance

**H-7668 SECRETARY OF EDUCATION** (Tomasso & Others) This act would establish an executive office of education headed by a secretary of education, for the purpose of overall management of the public education system. H.E.W.

**H-7672 STANDARDIZED TESTING/ASSESSMENTS** (Naughton & Others) This act would provide that no state assessment or standardized testing would be used to determine a student's eligibility to graduate from high school. This act would also provide that any student identified as significantly below proficient on any state assessment would be given intervention assistance, and would require that the parent or guardian of the student be provided with notifications from the school regarding his or her proficiency. H.E.W.

**H-7673 WATER SAFETY TRAINING** (McNamara & Others) This act would direct most Rhode Island schools to incorporate instruction in water safety as a part of either their health program or physical education program, or both. H.E.W.

**H-7746 STATE AID** (Tanzi & Others) This act would freeze the amount of education aid for local school agencies that are scheduled to receive less aid under the funding formula. The education aid would be frozen at the rate provided in fiscal year 2014 for a period of three years.

**H-7747 STATE AID: PUPIL REIMBURSEMENT** (Tanzi & Others) This act would require the state to pay for the education of students placed in group homes outside of their municipality at a rate of one hundred percent (100%). Finance

**H-7752 LOCATION OF SCHOOLS IN PROXIMITY** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would prohibit the location of new schools in proximity to alcohol sales license holders. H.E.W.

**H-7755 VIRTUAL SCHOOLS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would define virtual schooling, and impose a three (3) year moratorium on the establishment of charter public schools with virtual schooling components, commencing on July 2, 2014. This moratorium would not apply to charter public schools with virtual schooling components that exist or are approved prior to July 1, 2014. H.E.W.

**H-7756 READING DISABILITY INSTRUCTION** (Lombardi & Others) This act would provide for professional development opportunities relating to reading disabilities and would require two (2) hours of professional development instruction pertaining to reading disabilities for certain general education teachers. H.E.W.

**H-7808 CHARTER SCHOOL AID** (O’Grady & Others) This act would change how the local share of charter schools, Davies and Metropolitan Career and Technical School, funding is calculated.. Finance

**H-7811 DISTRICT PAYMENT RELIEF** (Valencia & Others) This act would extend relief to the local district from paying the second, third, and fourth quarterly payment if the student does not attend the first quarter or does not return in the second quarter. Finance

**H-7827 CLEANING SUPPLIES** (O’Grady & Silva) This act would require the use of environmentally preferable cleaning supplies in all elementary and secondary schools. The state department of elementary and secondary education would be placed in charge of implementation. H.E.W

**H-7828 INTERNET ACCESS** (Handy & Others) This act would allow schools to employ filtering measures to block or filter access to websites on the Internet. It would also mandate each school district to adopt a written policy that addresses the use of Internet filtering measures for computer access in schools. H.E.W

**H-7829 DISABILITY SCREENING** (Lombardi & Others) This act would require school districts to conduct screening for dyslexia and other reading disabilities of school children who have exhibited one or more potential indicators using certain screening methods selected by the commissioner of education. H.E.W

**H-7832 TEXTBOOKS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would require private schools to purchase and pay for books directly, and to seek reimbursement from the school committee in an amount up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) per pupil. H.E.W

**H-7835 ASSESSMENTS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would establish a mandatory reporting requirement for all students in grades K-12 for any assessments administered by September 1, 2014, and annually thereafter, a collection of the data in the reports by the department of education, in a searchable format on the department of education website. H.E.W

**H-7836 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would direct the board of regents for elementary and secondary education to establish school graduation requirements based on a holistic assessment of each student’s readiness for graduation, made by a qualified group of professionals in each secondary school, and having reference, without limitation, to each student’s course record, senior project or portfolio, and performance on statewide assessments. H.E.W

**H-7887 EDUCATOR EVALUATIONS** (O’Grady & Others) This act would make changes to the standards used to evaluate educator personnel as implemented by the department of education while allowing the method and process of evaluation to remain under local control and subject to collective bargaining. H.E.W

**H-7896 RIGHT TO ADEQUATE EDUCATION** (Messier & Others) This amendment to the State Constitution would recognize the right to an adequate education as a fundamental right to all Rhode Island residents and would provide that it would be the paramount duty of the general assembly and other government agencies to provide equal opportunities to receive an adequate education. This act would also allow for the judicial enforceability of this article. H.E.W

**H-8023 CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Serpa & Others) This act would change the method of determining the local share of the per pupil cost for each student attending a charter school by subtracting from the local share, allocations not borne by the charter school, based on the Uniform Chart of Accounts (UCOA). It would also provide that local district payments to charter public schools are to be made by the end of the district's school quarter. Finance

**H-8024 CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Walsh & Others) This act would adjust the per pupil funding to charter schools for expenses incurred by the local school district and provide that quarterly payments be based on the actual number of students enrolled in a charter school during that quarter. Finance

**H-8052 CLOUD COMPUTING: STUDENT DATA** (McNamara & Others) This act would limit the use of student data and information obtained by certain cloud computing service providers and would prohibit the use of such data for any commercial purpose. H.E.W.

**H-8105 FINES: OPEN MEETINGS VIOLATIONS** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would require the school committee chairperson to personally pay any fine imposed by the superior court for violations of the open meetings act, without reimbursement by the school district, city or town where the district is located. Judiciary

**H-8125 EVALUATIONS: PUBLIC DISCLOSURE** (Johnston & Others) This act would protect from public disclosure all individually identifiable evaluations of public school superintendents, administrators, principals, and all other school employees. Judiciary

**H-8141 SCHEDULING OF CLASSES** (Giarrusso & Others) This act would permit a municipality or school district to opt to hold classes on election days; provided that the classes do not disrupt or interfere with the election process. H.E.W.

**H-8204 RHODE ISLAND CAREER AND TECHNICAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES** (McNamara & Others) This act would establish a new permanent Rhode Island board of trustees on career and technical education, which would assume and expand upon the duties of the former Rhode Island state advisory council on vocational education. The act would also create the Rhode Island CTE trust on career and technical education to help raise funds for and to promote partnerships to provide for student learning in career and technical education.

**H-8219 FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN: STATE AID** (Jacquard & Others) This act would prioritize the awarding of state aid for the implementation of full-day kindergarten programs. The commissioner of elementary and secondary education would rank all eligible school districts. Ranking would be based on the quality and sustainability of each program. Districts with eight thousand (8000) or more students would be given priority. Finance

**H-8263 BOARD OF EDUCATION: COMPOSITION** (Ackerman & Others) This act would expand the board of education membership from eleven (11) members to twelve (12) by adding an employer community member of the state workforce investment board. H.E.W.

**H-8327 INTERNSHIPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS** (McNamara) This act would encourage school districts to provide professional development opportunities for school counselors that focus on best practices in collaborating with business, industry, and other community organizations to create internships and apprenticeships for secondary students. H.E.W

**H-8359 FAIR FUNDING FORMULA** (O'Grady & Others) This resolution would create a twelve (12) member special legislative commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study and assess Rhode Island's "Fair Funding Formula," and who would report back to the House of Representatives on or before January 15, 3 2015, and said commission would expire on January 27, 2015. House Read and Passed

**H-8363aa ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE** (Amore & Others) This act would amend the method by which the state assessment program would be implemented in public schools. The act would provide that no state assessment conducted pursuant to chapter 16-97 and prior to the graduating class of 2017, would be used to determine a student's eligibility to graduate from high school. H.E.W

**H-8367 FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN** (McNamara) This act creates a special legislative commission to study the feasibility of implementing full-day kindergarten programs in all Rhode Island public schools. H.E.W

**S-2012**    **CURRICULUM** (Picard) This act would mandate that all secondary schools managed or controlled by the state provide instruction in musical performance education. Education

**S-2013**    **PUPIL SAFETY** (Picard & Others) This act would authorize school committees to use school bus monitors at the discretion of the committee, and would remove the requirement that bus monitors in addition to the bus driver be on certain school buses. Education

**S-2058**    **CURRICULUM: SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS** (Doyle & Others) This act would provide for courses of study for pupils in grades K-8 to prevent child abduction, child sexual exploitation, and abuse. Education

**S-2059A**    **STATE ASSESSMENT PROGRAMS** (Satchell & Others) This act would amend the method by which the state assessment program would be implemented in public schools. The act would provide that no state assessment conducted pursuant to chapter 16-97 and prior to July 1, 2019, would be used to determine a student's eligibility to graduate from high school. Education

**S-2095**    **SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would prevent any educational institution from requiring, as a condition of acceptance or participation in curricular or extracurricular activities, students to provide access to, alter the settings of, or divulge account information of social media accounts. This act would also apply to employees of educational institutions except in circumstances involving investigations into workplace misconduct or workplace related violations of applicable law. Judiciary

**S-2135**    **COMMON CORE STANDARDIZED TESTING** (Satchell & Others) This act would delay the implementation of the standardized testing based on common core curriculum until a commission, created by this law, has had an opportunity to study and evaluate it, and further, has submitted its findings and recommendations to the governor and the general assembly as to the adequacy and efficiency of such standardized testing. Education

**S-2136**    **RESIDENCE OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES** (Cool Rumsey & Others) This act would provide that Rhode Island licensed child placing agencies and Rhode Island governmental agencies consider a child's school attendance area when making placement decisions of children in foster care and also provide for a transportation pilot program. The student would have the right to remain enrolled in and attend school in a

district where the student previously resided, if such placement was deemed by the family court to be in the pupil's best interest. Education

**S-2181**    **CONCUSSION TRAINING** (Felag & Others) This act would require teachers and school nurses to complete a low or no-cost training course and an annual refresher course in concussions and traumatic brain injuries. Education

**S-2182A**    **HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALANCY** (Goodwin & Others) This act would require the board of education to consider several factors in determining which high school equivalency test would be recognized by the state. Such facts would include cost, the recognition of the test by other states, and other criteria. Education

**S-2183**    **BOARD OF EDUCATION-MEMBERSHIP** (Felag & Others) This act would expand the board of education membership from eleven (11) members to twelve (12) by adding an employer community member of the state workforce investment board. Education

**S-2184**    **EVALUATION OF TEACHERS** (Satchell & Others) This act would provide that the evaluation of teaching personnel would be pursuant to local control, and that the process for the evaluation of teachers would be a subject to collective bargaining. This act would also provide that measures of student growth and achievement would not be used to evaluate teachers prior to July 1, 2019. Education

**S-2185A**    **STANDARDIZED TESTING/ASSESSMENTS** (Metts & Others) This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education to create a model notification for students who are identified as academically at risk on any state assessment and would require the school district to provide notification to the parents or guardians of said students. Education

**S-2208**    **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Doyle & Others) This act would provide that the percentage of a charter public school's housing costs reimbursed with state aid would be equal to the percentage of school housing costs reimbursed with state aid for the municipality where the charter public school is located. The act would also provide that before a charter public school would be eligible to access such state aid for reimbursement, the school would need to certify that it had first attempted to utilize vacant school property within the municipality where the charter public school is located. Finance

**S-2244**    **SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION** (Doyle & Others) This act would create the "Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Act" which would require coaches and assistant coaches to complete a child sexual abuse prevention training program, with at least two (2) hours of instruction time. The course would be retaken every five (5) years. Judiciary

**S-2276 REGIONALIZATION BONUSES** (Felag & Others) This act would amend the provisions of the Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act by freezing the amount of the regionalization bonus at two percent (2%) of the state's share of the foundation education aid formula, and by removing the provision that the bonus would cease in the third fiscal year after regionalization. Finance

**S-2310 MAYORAL ACADEMIES** (Jabour & Others) This act would add teachers' retirement pursuant to chapter 16-16 to the list of provisions that would be binding on mayoral academies. Education

**S-2351Aaa STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS** (Miller) This act would redirect substance abuse prevention funds to "Student Assistance Programs". Health & Human Services

**S-2365 BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Hodgson & Others) This act would require contract employees of a private school or public school department, and individuals hired by a third party vendor who has contracted with the private school or public school department to provide services, to undergo a national criminal background check. Judiciary

**S-2366 SCHOOL PROPERTY FOR RECREATION** (DiPalma & Others) This act would encourage school committees to allow public use of indoor and outdoor school property for recreation or sport and would provide immunity from suit for claim or injury arising from use unless the claims result for acts or omissions constituting gross negligence or willful or wanton conduct. Judiciary

**S-2397A RIGHT TO ADEQUATE EDUCATION** (Picard) This amendment to the State Constitution would recognize the right to an adequate education as a fundamental right to all Rhode Island residents and would provide that it would be the paramount duty of the general assembly and other government agencies to provide equal opportunities to receive an adequate education. This act would also allow for the judicial enforceability of this article. Special Legislation & Veterans' Affairs

**S-2428 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS** (Pichardo & DiPalma) This act would allow individuals with two (2) or more years of a college education to serve as substitute teachers for no more than forty (40) teaching days in any one assignment during a school year, whether the teaching days are consecutive or non-consecutive. Education

**S-2430 SCHOOL SYSTEM DISCIPLINE** (Pichardo & Others). This act would direct the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to develop a method to analyze data regarding the imposition of school discipline, focusing on the disproportionate impact on students based on race or ethnicity and would provide that suspensions issued pursuant



to this act be in-school suspensions unless the conduct of the student rises to the level that he or she presents a threat to other students, teachers or administrators. Education

**S-2431 QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHERS** (Cicccone & Others) This act would provide that non-certified teacher assistants and special education teacher assistants would not be subject to the same laws, standards, policies, procedures, and rules that govern certified teachers. Education

**S-2432aa EDUCATION REVENUE: STATE INCOME TAX** (Satchell & Others) This resolution would create a seventeen (17) member special legislative commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of all aspects of funding elementary and secondary public education through state income tax, and who would report back to the General Assembly no later than January 6, 2015 and whose life would expire on March 6, 2015. Education

**S-2433 FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN** (Gallo & Others) Joint resolution creating a special legislative commission to study the feasibility of implementing full-day kindergarten programs in all Rhode Island public schools. Education

**S-2483 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING** (DaPonte) This act would revise the provisions providing for funding for transportation of students to the William M. Davies Jr. Career and Technical High School and the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center. Finance

**S-2629 FIRE DRILLS** (DiPalma & Others) This act would make it a violation for a public or private school principal or person in charge to neglect the fire system and fire drill requirements as set out in statute and would increase the fine to two hundred dollars (\$200) per violation. Judiciary

**S-2683 DISCIPLINE** (Walaska) This act would prevent the disciplining of a school child for possession of a toy gun unless a reasonable person could mistake the toy for a real gun. Education

**S-2738 EDUCATOR EVALUATIONS** (Goodwin) This act would provide that teachers who obtain a rating of "highly effective" or the equivalent thereof would be evaluated not more than once every four (4) years, and that teachers who obtain a rating of "effective" or the equivalent thereof would be evaluated not more than once every three (3) years. This act would not prohibit annual evaluations for teachers during their first three (3) years in a district. Education

**S-2743**     **APPROPRIATION: JASON PROJECT** (Pearson & Others) This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$500,000 for the Jason Project to expand the implementation of the STEM program. Finance

**S-2791**     **FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN** (Gallo & Others) This act would prioritize the awarding of state aid for the implementation of full-day kindergarten programs. The commissioner of elementary and secondary education would rank all eligible school districts. Ranking would be based on the quality and sustainability of each program. Districts with eight thousand (8000) or more students would be given priority. Education

**S-2862A**     **BUDGET MODELS** (Pearson & Others) This act would require school committees to adopt a board of regents approved budget model to include a distinct line item for payments to charter schools. It would also require a report to the general assembly prepared by the department of elementary and secondary education which would set forth the information cited above. Education

**S-2870**     **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Gallo & Others) This act would change the method in determining the local share of the per pupil amount for each student attending the charter public school by allowing deductions for allocations not born by the charter school based on uniform chart of accounts data. Local district payments to charter public schools would be made at the end of the district's school quarter for those students enrolled in the charter school during the quarter. Finance

**S-2880**     **EVALUATIONS: PUBLIC DISCLOSURE** (Gallo & Others) This act would protect from public disclosure all individually identifiable evaluations of public school superintendents, administrators, principals, and all other school employees. Judiciary

**S-2947**     **INERNNSHIPS AND APPRENTICESHIPS** (Metts & Others) This act would encourage school districts to provide professional development opportunities for school counselors that focus on best practices in collaborating with business, industry, and other community organizations to create internships and apprenticeships for secondary students. Education

**S-2949**     **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION** (Picard & Others) This act would authorize the establishment of two (2) model sites to serve as test sites for a re-imagined approach to career and technical education under the supervision of the board of education. The model sites would be chosen as a result of a competitive process open to charter schools, school districts, or a consortium of public schools with the general assembly providing one-time funding of start-up costs, and costs associated with the department of education's support. Education

**S-2950 COMPETENCY AND PROFICIENT BASED LEARNING** (Picard & Others) This act would require that the board of education adopt a competency-based/proficiency-based learning policy and a model district policy designed to increase programmatic opportunities for students to earn credits through a demonstration of competency and this policy would be approved by June 1, 2015. Education

**S-2968 ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS** (Pichardo & Others) This act provides for the establishment of a “wait list” elimination program with the department of elementary and secondary education, the purpose of which is to eliminate the waiting time for adults entering into approved adult education programs. It would also require the general assembly to appropriate one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the fiscal year 2015 to support the program. Finance

**S-3086 INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY ACT** (Pearson & Others) This act would establish several new entities and programs to promote a unified statewide approach to updating, renovating, and otherwise improving public school buildings in the state.

**S-3091 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION: PURCHASE AND USE OF TEXTBOOKS** (O’Neill & Kettle) This resolution would rename the Special Legislative Commission To Study The Purchase and Use of Textbooks in Public Schools as "The Special Legislative Commission on the future of education in Rhode Island" and would extend the reporting and expiration dates from December 31, 2014, to April 1, 2015, and said commission would expire on June 30, 2015. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

## ELECTIONS

**H-7054 EXPENDITURE DISCLOSURE** (Edwards & Others) This act would require any political party or political action committee which advocates any question considered at any financial town meeting or at any election at which amendments to a city or town charter are proposed to file a report with the board of canvassers of all the contributions it receives and expenditures it makes from any one source in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100).  
Judiciary

**H-7263 RESIDENCY OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY** (Williams & Others) This act would require that persons in government custody use their actual residence for census and redistricting purposes and would also require the department of corrections maintain and submit to the secretary of state a record thereof. Such information would be determined by the department of corrections and the secretary of state, and forwarded to the United States census bureau. Judiciary

**H-7452 BUFFER ZONES** (Marcello & Others) This act would require the board of canvassers to clearly mark the fifty foot (50') buffer at each polling place where political campaigning is prohibited. Judiciary

**H-7503 CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS** (Ajello & Others) This act would make changes to various general law sections governing the conduct of elections. Changes would be made to the election recount process, and to the establishment of the validity of provisional ballots. It also would make the Board of Elections subject to the “Administrative Procedures Act”. Also it provides that the Board of Elections must establish a risk-limiting audit pilot program in five (5) or more cities/towns to improve the accuracy of election results.  
Judiciary

**H-7512 CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS** (Marcello & Others) This act would delete the option of straight party voting by means of a single mark in non-primary elections. Judiciary

**H-7601 ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION** (Marcello & Others) This act would authorize the state board of elections to create and administer an electronic voter registration system. Judiciary

**H-7618 CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (Marcello & Others) This act would create Chapter 11-69 entitled “Crimes Against the Public Trust” which defines specific criminal offenses which violate the public trust or constitute theft of honest services. The act also would extend the statute of limitations to ten (10) years for violations of this new chapter and §11-41-27 – “Wrongful conversion by officer or state or municipal employee”. Judiciary

**H-8072aa STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would delete the option of straight party voting by means of a single mark in non-primary elections. This act would also require the secretary of state to conduct appropriate 2 training and community outreach. Judiciary

**H-8097 CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS** (Lally) This act would allow a candidate to make campaign contributions to his or her campaign or receive in-kind party contributions in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) and remain exempt from the reporting requirements except for the report due on the 28th day after the election, as long as the aggregate total of the contributions from the candidate and in-kind party contributions do not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Judiciary

**H-8127 MAIL AND EMERGENCY BALLOTS** (Edwards & Lima) This act would change the requirement for affirmation of inactive voters who apply for either a mail ballot or emergency mail ballot, and would allow the application to serve as the affirmation. This act would also require mail ballots to be sent to the current address of the board of elections. It would also mandate that mail ballots must be saved for twenty-two (22) months in accordance with federal laws. Judiciary

**H-8130 POLITICAL LITERATURE** (Shekarchi) This act would repeal the section of the general laws which provides disclosure requirements pertaining to the author of certain political posters, fliers, and circulars, consistent with the United States Supreme Court decision.

**S-2091 STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING** (Bates & Others) This act would delete the option of straight party voting by means of a single mark in non-primary elections. This act would also require that voting machines be programmed to prevent a voter from voting for a straight party ticket by simply checking one mark on the ballot and require the board of elections to program the ballot scanning machines to prevent straight party voting by means of a single mark, and would also require the secretary of state to produce ballots that do not have an option to vote for a straight party ticket by checking a single box. Judiciary

**S-2235 EXPENDITURE DISCLOSURE** (Nesslebush & Others) This act would require any political party or political action committee which advocates any question considered at any financial town meeting or at any election at which amendments to a city or town charter are proposed to file a report with the board of canvassers of all the contributions it receives and expenditures it makes from any one source in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100). Judiciary

**S-2236**    **CHANGE OF PARTY DESIGNATION** (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow a voter to change his or her party affiliation on or before the twenty-ninth (29th) day preceding any primary election for which the voter is eligible. Judiciary

**S-2237**    **IN-PERSON VOTING** (Lynch & Others) This act would create a process for in-person early voting before the actual election day with the exception of special elections. Judiciary

**S-2245**    **PRIMARY VOTING** (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries without becoming an affiliated party voter. Judiciary

**S-2286A**    **RESIDENCY OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY** (Metts & Others) This act would require that persons in government custody use their actual residence for census and redistricting purposes. Such information would be determined by the department of corrections and the secretary of state, and forwarded to the United States census bureau. Judiciary

**S-2383**    **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Metts & Pichardo) This act would add additional photo-identification documents as acceptable proof of identity for voters as well as additional identification documents with or without a photograph as acceptable proof of identity for voters at all state and local elections. Judiciary

**S-2846**    **NOTICE OF MEETINGS** (McCaffrey & Goodwin) This act would allow the board of elections to post notice of its meetings to process mail ballots on the secretary of state's open meetings website, instead of by newspaper publication, and would make several other technical changes to conform to present law on mail ballots. Judiciary

**S-2847**    **ELECTION OFFENSES** (McCaffrey & Goodwin) This act would repeal the section of the general laws which provides disclosure requirements pertaining to the author of certain political posters, fliers, and circulars. Judiciary

**S-2848**    **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would allow a candidate to make campaign contributions to his or her campaign or receive in-kind party contributions in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) and remain exempt from the reporting requirements except for the report due on the 28th day after the election, as long as the aggregate total of the contributions from the candidate and in-kind party contributions do not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Judiciary

**S-2849**    **MAIL AND EMERGENCY BALLOTS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would change the requirement for affirmation of inactive voters who apply for either a mail ballot or emergency mail ballot, and would allow the application to serve as the affirmation. This

act would also require mail ballots to be sent to the current address of the board of elections. It would also mandate that mail ballots must be saved for twenty-two (22) months in accordance with federal laws. Judiciary

## ENVIRONMENT

**H-7033 FOOD RESIDUALS RECYCLING** (Walsh & Others) This act would require certain large commercial food scrap generators and covered educational institutions/facilities to divert food residuals to composting facilities. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7088 RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION** (Ucci & Others) This act would require the resource recovery corporation to pay to the town of Johnston annually six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in addition to any other tipping fees monies paid to the town by the corporation. Finance

**H-7629 PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY** (Keable & Kazarian) This act would require a municipal water department, agency, special water district, or private water company to implement a system that would notify their customers, by phone, of any interruption in services or unsafe conditions within the water supply system. Municipal Government

**H-7655 GEOENGINEERING** (MacBeth & Others) This act would define and limit the use of geoengineering in the state and further provide that no person would implement geoengineering in any area of the state without first obtaining the permission of the director of the department of environmental management. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7656 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT** (Ucci & Others) This resolution would create a sixteen (16) member special select commission whose purpose it would be to complete a comprehensive study of all technical, environmental, policy, and financial issues concerning the future of solid waste management in the State of Rhode Island. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7724 CESSPOOLS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would phase out the use of cesspools throughout the state, beginning with those close to tidal water areas and public drinking water supplies. It would require the identification and replacement of cesspools on all properties that are subject to sale and transfer. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7800A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT** (Handy) This act would require that any long range storm water management master plans of the Quonset Development Corporation be subject to DEM and CRMC approval and be consistent with Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Rule 31(e)(3). Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7803 LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT** (Handy & Others) This act would provide that in the event of insufficient federal funds for the environmental lead program,



the general assembly shall appropriate no less than six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) per year for support and maintenance of the environmental lead program, and five hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$590,000) per year for the state match for the lead hazard abatement program. Finance

**H-7847**      **WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES** (Handy) This act would require a notice and opportunity to be heard by the public with regard to the permitting of wastewater treatment facilities. Judiciary

**H-7904**      **CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTION ACT** (Handy & Others) This act would create the "Resilient Rhode Island Act of 2014" and the "Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Act" to provide a comprehensive and coordinated state response to climate change. This act would designate specific roles for certain state agencies in mitigating and adapting to climate change for the benefit of future residents of the state. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-8117**      **CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DIBRIS** (Kazarian & Others) This act would modify the definition of a construction and demolition (C&D) debris processing facility by eliminating the daily amount of C&D debris a facility may receive and process. It would further require such a facility that is located within a one thousand foot (1000') radius of a residential zone district conduct all operations within an enclosed structure. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-8150**      **UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS** (Ucci & Others) This act provides that all underground storage tanks and associated piping installed prior to May 8, 1988 shall be permitted to remain in use until December 22, 2020. Further, this act provides that five (5) members of the Underground Storage Tank Review Board constitutes a quorum. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-8177**      **LITTERING** (Slater) This act would raise the maximum penalties for littering from five hundred dollars (\$500) to one thousand dollars (\$1000) for the first offense and from five hundred dollars (\$500) to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a subsequent offense. Judiciary

**H-8245**      **DRINKING WATER WELLS: PUMP AND FILTRATION SYSTEMS** (Valencia & Others) This act would refine the regulations on the installation of various drinking water wells to include the various types of water supply systems such as filtration systems and pump installation. In addition, it would expand the jurisdiction of the contractors' registration and licensing board to include those persons who are authorized to work on water supply systems. Corporations

**H-8279**    **LITTERING** (Craven) This act would provide that thirty percent (30%) of any fine for littering collected pursuant to a complaint filed by a local law enforcement agency would inure to the benefit of that agency, with remittances to be made not less often than once every three (3) months. Municipal Government

**H-8319**    **SEWER LINES** (Shekarchi) This act would authorize connection to existing sanitary sewer lines from facilities across city and town lines under certain circumstances. Municipal Government

**S-2190**    **RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION** (Lombardo & Others) This act would prohibit the disposal of any recyclable materials and/or recyclable waste in the central landfill per any rules or regulations promulgated by the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2211**    **RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION** (Lombardo & Others) This act would require the resource recovery corporation to pay to the town of Johnston annually six million dollars (\$6,000,000) in addition to any other tipping fees paid to the town by the corporation. Finance

**S-2226**    **GMO LABELING** (Walaska) This act would require that food or food products produced or made in Rhode Island only, derived from or containing genetically modified organisms be labeled as such by the manufacturer, retailer, or other person before putting it on the market for sale in Rhode Island. Health & Human Services

**S-2263**    **PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY** (Fogarty & Others) This act would require a municipal water department, agency, special water district, or private water company to implement a system that would notify their customers, by phone, of any interruption in services or unsafe conditions within the water supply system. Commerce

**S-2313A**    **PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY** (Sosnowski) This act would amend the process for crediting funds collected pursuant to the "Public Drinking Water System Protection Act of 1997". This act would classify the two (2) types of water quality protection funds and designate who would administer the funds deposited therein. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2315aaa**    **FOOD RESIDUALS RECYCLING** (Cool Rumsey & Others) This act would require certain large commercial food scrap generators and covered educational institutions/facilities to divert food residuals to composting facilities. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2331 USER FEES AT STATE BEACHES** (Sheehan & Others) This act would allow the host municipality to share in all beach parking fee receipts. Finance

**S-2341 WATER SUPPLY PROTECTION CHARGE** (Sosnowski) This act would impose sales and use tax on the "Water Supply Protection Charge" previously imposed on water bills.

**S-2434 WASTE HAULERS** (Cool Rumsey & Others) This act would require all commercial haulers desiring to transport solid waste within the state be licensed by the director of the department of business regulation. Licenses would be renewable every five (5) years. The act would also provide penalties for violations of the act. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2436 COMPOSTING: FOOD RESIDUALS** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would require certain large commercial food scrap generators to divert food residuals to composting facilities. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2437 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL** (Ruggerio) This act would allow the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation to consider the option of incineration of solid waste as part of a statewide resource recovery system development plan. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2441A CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION DEBRIS** (DaPonte) This act would modify the definition of a construction and demolition (C&D) debris processing facility by eliminating the daily amount of C&D debris a facility may receive and process. It would further require such a facility that is located within a one thousand foot (1000') radius of a residential zone district conduct all operations within an enclosed structure. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2520A RESOLUTION: DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL SHARPS** (Walaska) Resolution requesting the Rhode Island Resource recovery Corporation implement a plot program for the removal and safe disposal of medical sharps by home users. Health & Human Services

**S-2562A LEAD POISONING PREVENTION ACT** (Goodwin) This act would revise licensing and certification procedures for environmental lead inspectors and contractors and revise factors to be considered for imposing civil fines for violations of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act. Health & Human Services

**S-2684 CESSPOOLS** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would phase out the use of cesspools throughout the state, beginning with those close to tidal water areas and public drinking water supplies. It would require the identification and replacement of cesspools on all properties that are subject to sale and transfer. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2707 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES** (Walaska) This act would require a notice and opportunity to be heard by the public with regard to the permitting of wastewater treatment facilities. Judiciary

**S-2721A LITTERING** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would raise the maximum penalties for littering from five hundred dollars (\$500) to one thousand dollars (\$1000) for the first offense and from five hundred dollars (\$500) to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for a subsequent offense. Judiciary

**S-2793 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT** (Lombardo) This resolution would create a special select commission to determine the future of solid waste management in Rhode Island. Environment & Agriculture

**S-3066 DRINKING WATER WELLS: PUMP AND FILTRATION SYSTEMS** (McCaffrey) This act would refine the regulations on the installation of various drinking water wells to include the various types of water supply systems such as filtration systems and pump installation. In addition, it would expand the jurisdiction of the contractors' registration and licensing board to include those persons who are authorized to work on water supply systems. Environment & Agriculture

**S-3139 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT** (Pearson) This act would authorize the Quonset Development Corporation to establish a storm water management and conveyance system and regulate connections, user fees, charges and assessments. Senate Calendar

## **FINANCE & TAXATION**

**H-7035 STATE AID** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would direct fifty percent (50%) of any state surplus to be distributed to the general fund and the remaining fifty percent (50%) to the cities and towns in accordance with the state aid formula. Finance

**H-7040 STATE AID** (Edwards & Others) This act would provide that if during any fiscal year the state reimbursement to cities, towns, and school districts is insufficient to cover the costs of state mandates as reported by the department of revenue, those affected cities, towns and school districts may cease implementation of state mandates at their discretion up to fifty percent (50%) of the value of the reimbursement shortfall. Finance

**H-7115 VETERANS' EXEMPTION** (Gallison & Others) This act would give cities and towns the option of entirely exempting the homestead of a disabled veteran or his or her surviving spouse from taxation. Veterans' Affairs

**H-7130 EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS** (McNamara & Others) This act would amend car tax statutes so that the assessment of used motor vehicles would be based on the average trade-in price, rather than the retail price. It would also extend the appeal period to forty-five (45) days. Finance

**H-7133 2015 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Melo)

**ART. 2 MUNICIPAL INCENTIVE AID** This article would create and fund a new \$5,000,000 Municipal Incentive Aid program to provide financial incentives for municipalities to improve the condition of their respective retirement plans in order to provide sustainable pension security for municipal employees. Finance

**H-7133 2015 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Melo)

**ART. 6 MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES** This act would set the he municipal tipping fee rates charged by the resource recovery corporation for 2015. Finance

**H-7165 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would allow a municipality in which an active military installation is located, exclusive of any facility operated by the State of Rhode Island, to become eligible for appropriations in lieu of property tax. Finance

**H-7208 FISCAL NOTES** (Newberry & Others) This act would dispense with the requirement for a fiscal note for any bill or resolution which a legislative committee is considering if its members unanimously vote to do so and the bill or resolution is properly posted. Finance

**H-7245 STATE AID** (Guthrie & Others) This act would restore general revenue sharing with cities and towns commencing with fiscal year 2015. It would further impose a two percent (2%) tax increase for all personal income over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for residents and non-residents, including estates and trusts and other types of income beginning January 1, 2015. Finance

**H-7278 REVALUATION CYCLE** (Hearn & Malik) This act would increase from three (3) to five (5) years the interval of time within which a city or town must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation. The five (5) year update of real property would not commence prior to the completion of all previously scheduled revaluations. Municipal Government

**H-7287 MOTOR VEHICLE EXEMPTION** (Silva & Serpa) This act would provide a six thousand dollars (\$6,000) exemption to the motor vehicle excise tax for residents of distressed communities. Finance

**H-7289 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF** (Shekarchi, by request) This act would exempt the amount of any original contributions to a pension or annuity including the Federal Railroad Retirement Act, from income for the purpose of determining eligibility for property tax relief. Finance

**H-7338 MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS** (Tomasso & Others) This act would require municipalities that fail to make required contributions to their locally administered pension funds, to use any budget surplus they may have to make up for their delinquent contributions. Municipal Government

**H-7345aa BONDS: ROADS AND BRIDGES** (Melo & Others) This act would permit cities and towns to authorize, without charter or referendum approval, the issuance of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness for road and bridge projects financed through the municipal road and bridge revolving fund established pursuant to chapter 24-18 of the general laws. Finance

**H-7348 SALES TAX REIMBURSEMENT** (Malik) This act would require the state, whenever there is a yearly budget surplus in excess of twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000), to return to the cities and towns one percent (1%) of the sales tax collected in that municipality. Finance

**H-7416 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES** (Johnston & Others) This act would expand the number of municipal economic zones permitted by law. Finance

**H-7429 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX ELIMINATION ACT** (Chippendale & Others) This act would resume the elimination of motor vehicle and trailer excise tax. Finance

**H-7430 QUALIFIED LOW INCOME HOUSING** (Malik) This act would increase the maximum real estate property tax levy from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of gross scheduled rental income for eligible low-income housing. Finance

**H-7435 BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Silva) This act would require that the compensation for staff of city and town budget commission members be paid by the state. Finance

**H-7436 BUDGET COMMISSIONS, OVERSEERS, AND RECEIVERS** (Silva) This act would limit the duties and powers of a fiscal overseer, budget commission and receiver of a city or town to financial matters only. Finance

**H-7485 QUALIFIED LOW INCOME HOUSING** (Casey & Others) This act would increase the maximum real estate property tax levy from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of gross scheduled rental income for eligible low-income housing. Finance

**H-7626 CLASSIFICATION OF REAL ESTATE** (Carnevale & Others) This act would mandate the classification of real estate as commercial, industrial, or residential by using the classification of said property as determined by the tax assessor's office of the municipality. Municipal Government

**H-7631A ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES** (Edwards & Others) This act would create an exemption from taxation for certain residential property developments which have not been completed or, if completed, have not been sold and occupied. The exemption would not affect taxes on common areas and facilities for residential condominiums. The exemption would expire on December 31, 2021. Municipal Government

**H-7699 TAX EXEMPTIONS: COMMERCIAL PROPERTY** (Azzinaro & Others) This act would permit the cities or towns to establish tax exemptions for certain new or rehabilitated industrial and commercial/manufacturing property. In the case of new construction, the construction must exceed twenty percent (20%) of the assessed value of the industrial or commercial property or one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), whichever is less, to be considered the credit. Municipal Government

**H-7701 ASSESSMENT OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY** (Slater & Others) This act would add certain items to and re-categorize certain classes of tangible personal property for purposes of assessment for taxation. Municipal Government

**H-7713 EXEMPTIONS** (Newberry) This act would remove any financial limits on the value of property, real and personal, tangible and intangible, that could be owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island. Corporations

**H-7780 VETERANS EXEMPTIONS** (Nunes & Others) This act would provide veterans' exemption status for the property of these persons who served in the National Guard for not less than five (5) consecutive years, and persons serving in the National Guard whose unit was called to active duty status by the President of the United States. Municipal Government

**H-7824 BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Casey & Others) This act would provide authority to a city or town council president to appoint, in his or her place, a designee to a budget commission. It would require the designee to be a current member of the city or town council at the time of appointment and remain a member of the city or town council throughout their term on the budget commission. Finance

**H-7872 QUALIFYING LOW INCOME HOUSING** (Valencia & Others) This act would amend the law on assessing and taxing low income housing so that such property would be taxed at eight percent (8%) of the gross rental income or a lesser amount determined by the municipality in which the low income housing is located. Municipal Government

**H-7884 EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS** (Handy) This act would exempt qualified electric plug-in drive vehicles from excise taxes. Finance

**H-7895 QUALIFYING LOW INCOME HOUSING** (O'Grady) This act would establish a property tax rate for qualifying residential property which is subject to certain low income housing covenant restrictions. The rate would equal the greater of eight percent (8%) of the property's gross potential income or the tax as determined using an income based approach to valuation. Municipal Government

**H-7912 REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX** (Slater & Others) This act would increase the real estate conveyance tax from two dollars (\$2.00) to two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per five hundred dollars (\$500) of the sale price, with a portion of the increase to be administered by the department of administration, office of housing and community development, through the housing resources commission. Finance

**H-7922 PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES** (Walsh & Others) This act would require reimbursement payments from the general fund to volunteer fire departments responding to emergencies along Route 95. Finance



**H-7943**    **BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Casey & Others) This act would provide for a member of a town or city council to be elected to serve on a budget commission replacing the former requirement that it be the president of the town council. Municipal Government

**H-7944Aaa**    **FISCAL STABILITY: FIRE DISTRICTS** (Mattiello) This act would extend the provisions of the budget commission chapter to include and cover fire districts. The act would also provide additional financial reporting requirements for fire districts, which requirements would be similar to those applicable to a city or town. Municipal Government

**H-8018**    **EXEMPTIONS** (Handy & Others) This act would exempt from taxation the real and personal property of the Comprehensive Community Action Program. Municipal Government

**H-8085**    **PAYMENT IN LIEU: FOR-PROFIT HOSPITALS** (Keable & O'Brien) This act would grant cities and towns the right to tax fully or enter into a stabilization agreement with a hospital that has converted from a non-profit to a for-profit entity. This act would also grant a municipality the option to continue to receive distributions of PILOT funds in lieu of the above. Finance

**H-8226**    **MUNICIPAL INCENTIVE AID** (Tomasso) This act would change the requested appropriation amount for the municipal incentive aid program for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 from ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for each year. Commencing in FY 2014 if a municipality is not eligible to receive a distribution under this program, the distribution shall be re-appropriated to that municipality in the following fiscal year provided eligibility requirements of both the prior fiscal year and the then current fiscal year are met. Finance

**H-8254**    **EXEMPTIONS** (Messier & Others) This act would exempt from taxation the real and personal property of the Pawtucket Youth Soccer Association located at 52 Plain Street within the city of Pawtucket. Municipal Government

**H-8260**    **EDUCATION AID** (This act would limit the reduction in education aid pursuant to the education aid formula for all regional school districts that receive less aid under the new school funding formula. The reduction is limited to the amount of aid provided for in fiscal year 2014. For all fiscal years commencing on or after July 1, 2014, the regional school districts which received less aid would not be subject to any further reductions in education aid over the ten (10) year period. Finance

**H-8287**    **EXEMPTIONS** (Serpa) This act would exempt from taxation real and personal property located within the town of West Warwick of the Station Fire Memorial

Foundation. This foundation is a Rhode Island nonprofit organization. Municipal Government

**H-8291 BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Silva & Others) This act would provide that for a municipality where a receiver has been abolished because of a Chapter 9 Bankruptcy filing, the costs associated with the receivership and bankruptcy would be waived if the municipality's administrative and finance officers certify that the municipality was in conformity with and had completed the bankruptcy plan as ordered by the United States Bankruptcy Court. Finance

**H-8292 FOR-PROFIT HOSPITALS** (Morin & Others) This act would grant cities and towns the right to and the method by which they may: (1) Tax the real and personal property of a for-profit hospital facility; and/or (2) Enter into a stabilization agreement with a for-profit hospital facility. Finance

**H-8302 MUNICIPAL LOAN FUND** (Dickinson) This act would direct the general treasurer to set aside funds from the state retirement system into a separate loan fund for the purpose of allowing municipalities to borrow from such fund for short-term municipal-related purposes. Finance

**H-8311 EXEMPTIONS: WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES** (DeSimone & Others) This act would exempt from local taxation a municipally owned water treatment facility unless it is located in another municipality and provides potable water to its host municipality. In that instance the water treatment facility's real estate may be taxed, but not any of its tangible property.

**H-8365 EXEMPTIONS: YWCA** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would exempt from taxation the property of YWCA Rhode Island, a nonprofit corporation. Municipal Government

**S-2018 QUALIFYING LOW INCOME HOUSING** (Picard & Goodwin) This act would increase the maximum real estate property tax levy from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of gross scheduled rental income for eligible low-income housing. Finance

**S-2023 PUBLIC HOUSING STUDENTS** (Picard) This act would delete the provisions of §16-7-34.3 regarding reimbursement by the state for conventional public housing students and would add similar language to §16-7.2-6 to provide permanent foundation education aid funding for services and instructional services for students residing in conventional public housing units. Finance

**S-2025 STATE AID** (Picard) This act would amend the calculation of the permanent foundation education aid to school districts by making an adjustment to the core instruction per pupil factor for those students residing in qualified low income housing. Finance

**S-2077 EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS** (O'Neill & Others) This act would amend the general laws relating to the car tax statutes so that the assessment of used motor vehicles would be based on the average trade-in price, rather than the retail price. It would also extend the appeal period to forty-five (45) days. Finance

**S-2078 REVALUATION CYCLE** (Fogarty & Others) This act would increase from three (3) to six (6) years the interval of time within which a city or town must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation. Finance

**S-2087A REVALUATION CYCLE** (Bates & Others) This act would increase from three (3) to five (5) years the interval of time within which a city or town must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation. The five (5) year update of real property would not commence prior to the completion of all previously scheduled revaluations. It would also increase the time interval between revaluations from nine (9) years to 4 ten (10) years. Housing & municipal Government

**S-2148 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (Pichardo & Others) This act would amend the provisions of the general laws relating to the car tax in order that the assessment of used motor vehicles would be based on the average trade-in price, rather than retail price. It would also extend the appeal period from thirty (30) to forty-five (45) days. Finance

**S-2187 LITTER CONTROL-FINES** (Gallo & Others) This act would provide that thirty percent (30%) of any fine for littering collected pursuant to a complaint filed by a local law enforcement agency would inure to the benefit of that agency, with remittances to be made not less often than once every three (3) months. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2192 LEGISLATIVE GRANTS** (Kettle & Others) This act would provide that all legislative grants awarded by the general assembly must be included in the annual state budget. Finance

**S-2194 COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM** (DiPalma & Others) This act would establish the community senior services grant program in the division of elderly affairs, to provide financial assistance and incentives to local governments and nonprofit agencies to operate senior centers and other senior services programs that help older residents to remain living in the community. Finance

**S-2196**     **SOCIAL IMPACT BOND PROGRAM** (Miller & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Social Impact Bond pilot program and study commission within the department of administration. The act would also authorize the department of administration to develop a mechanism for the use and issuance of such bonds, and would allow the issuance of up to twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) in social impact bonds over a five (5) year period. Finance

**S-2197**     **ELECTRIC VEHICLES-EXCISE TAX** (DiPalma & Others) This act would exempt qualified electric plug-in drive vehicles from excise tax equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the excise tax not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000). This act also limits the credit to one (1) vehicle per individual and ten (10) vehicles per business entity. Finance

**S-2198**     **BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Crowley & Others) This act would require city or towns to reimburse the fiscal overseer for expenditures necessary to effectuate this chapter only if the city or town has a fund balance equal to or greater than twenty percent (20%) of the city or town's unfunded liability. Finance

**S-2203**     **EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS** (Walaska & Others) This act would amend the general laws relating to the car tax so that the assessment of used motor vehicles would be based on the average trade-in price, rather than the retail price. It would also extend the appeal period to forty-five (45) days and require the appellant to present to the tax assessor a certified appraisal from a licensed motor vehicle dealer. Finance

**S-2204**     **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX ELIMINATION ACT** (Pearson & Others) This act would provide reimbursement to the cities and towns for the motor vehicle excise tax based on the percentage of respective values in each city and town, rather than the tax rates. Finance

**S-2205**     **LEASED MOTOR VEHICLES** (Satchell & Others) This act would exempt from sales and use tax that portion of motor vehicle lease payments collected to be remitted for tangible personal property tax, municipal property tax, excise tax or any other similar tax. Finance

**S-2212**     **PAYMENT IN LIEU** (DiPalma) This act would allow a municipality in which an active military installation is located, exclusive of any facility operated by the State of Rhode Island, to become eligible for appropriations in lieu of property tax. Finance

**S-2269**     **SCHOOL AID** (Pearson & Others) This act would accelerate the transition plan for calculation state aid to education. The act specifically accelerates the amounts paid to

those local educational agencies which receive more than the education aid the LEA was receiving as of the effective date of the school funding formula, but keeps the transition plan in place for those districts receiving less education aid. Finance

**S-2298A**    **PAYMENT IN LIEU: FOR-PROFIT HOSPITALS** (Picard & Others) This act would grant cities and towns the right to tax fully or enter into a stabilization agreement with a hospital that has converted from a non-profit to a for-profit entity. This act would also grant a municipality the option to continue to receive distributions of PILOT funds in lieu of the above. Finance

**S-2337**    **MOTOR VEHICLE EXEMPTION** (Crowley & Others) This act would provide a six thousand dollars (\$6,000) exemption to the motor vehicle excise tax for residents of distressed communities. Finance

**S-2399Aaa**    **BONDS: ROAD AND BRIDGES** (DaPonte & Others) This act would permit municipalities to authorize, without charter or referendum approval, the issuance of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness for road and bridge projects financed through the municipal road and bridge revolving fund pursuant to chapter 24-18 of the general laws. Finance

**S-2462**    **AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONDS** (Pichardo & Others) This act would provide for a bond referendum which would authorize the issuance of bonds for Affordable Housing in the amount of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000), at the election to be held in November, 2014. Finance

**S-2470**    **AWARD OF BIDS** (McCaffrey) This act would require the state and municipalities to award bids for purchases of goods or services to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder whose bid is the lowest price. Finance

**S-2475**    **GENERAL REVENUE SHARING** (Satchell & Others) This act would restore general revenue sharing with cities and towns commencing with fiscal year 2015. It would further impose a two percent (2%) tax increase on all personal income over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for residents and non-residents, including estates and trusts and other types of income beginning January 1, 2015. Finance

**S-2477**    **QUALIFYING LOW INCOME HOUSING** (Goldin & Others) This act would amend the law on assessing and taxing low income housing so that such property would be taxed at eight percent (8%) of the gross rental income or a lesser amount determined by the municipality in which the low income housing is located. Finance

**S-2491 APPEAL OF ASSESSMENT** (Felag) This act would make certain technical amendments/clarifications to the statutes related to the assessment of real property and the timing and process to appeals thereof. Finance

**S-2498 ASSESSMENT OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY** (Lynch & McCaffrey) This act would add certain items to and re-categorize certain classes of tangible personal property for purposes of assessment for taxation. Finance

**S-2677 ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES** (McCaffrey) This act would provide that for taxes levied after December 31, 2014, new construction on development property shall be exempt from the assessment of taxes provided that certain requirements are met. This act would further provide that the tax exemption shall expire on December 31, 2021. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2771 BONDS: CULTURAL ARTS AND ECONOMY PROGRAMS** (Goodwin & Others) This act would provide for a bond referendum which would authorize the issuance of bonds to provide 1:1 matching grants to fund capital improvements for specified cultural facilities in the amount of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000), at the election to be held in November, 2014. Finance

**S-2778aa FISCAL STABILITY: FIRE DISTRICTS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would provide distressed fire districts with financial assistance through the appointment of a fiscal overseer, budget commission, or receiver. Finance

**S-2794 FIRE DEPARTMENT REIMBURSEMENT** (Algiere & Cool Rumsey) This act would require reimbursement payments from the general fund to volunteer fire departments responding to emergencies along Route 95. Finance

**S-2799 REAL ESTATE TAX APPEALS** (Jabour & Others) This resolution would create a special legislative commission to study potential improvements to processing real estate tax appeals. Finance

**S-2867 MANUFACTURING AND COMMERCIAL EXEMPTION** (Algiere) This act would permit the cities or towns to establish tax exemptions for industrial and commercial property. Finance

**S-2871 CCAP EXEMPTION** (Gallo & Others) This act would exempt from taxation the real and personal property of the Comprehensive Community Action Program. Finance

**S-2974 BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Picard) This act would provide for a member of a town or city council to be elected to serve on a budget commission. Judiciary

**S-3071**    **EXEMPTIONS** (Satchell & Others) This act would exempt from taxation real and personal property located within the town of West Warwick of the Station Fire Memorial Foundation. This foundation is a Rhode Island nonprofit organization. Finance

**S-3078**    **EXEMPTIONS: YWCA** (Nesslebush & Others) This act would exempt from taxation the property of YWCA Rhode Island, a nonprofit corporation. Finance

**S-3079**    **EXEMPTIONS: EPISCOPAL DIOCESE** (Walaska) This act would remove any financial limits on the value of property, real and personal, tangible and intangible, that could be owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island. Finance

**S-3090**    **EXEMPTIONS: NON-PROFIT HOSPITALS/ BROWN UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would provide that no property owned by any non-profit hospital facility with licensed bed capacity of over five hundred (500) would be exempt from taxation if the property's income were derived from activity not involving healthcare. It would also remove an exemption for the president and professors of Brown University. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-3142**    **ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (Pichardo & Metts) This Resolution would request that the Rhode Island Vehicle Value Commission undertake a comprehensive study regarding the impact of basing the assessment of motor vehicle excise tax on alternative guidelines. Consent Calendar

## HOUSING

**H-7168** **HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY** (Ucci & Others) This act would require that facilities designated as housing for the elderly designate a minimum number of their parking spaces as handicapped accessible, based upon the number of residents at the facility with motor vehicle disability parking privilege placards or motorcycle stickers. H.E.W

**H-7393** **MILITARY STATUS** (Azzinaro & Others) This act would add military status discrimination as an unlawful housing practice protecting veterans who have an honorable or administrative discharge or are a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and the Rhode Island National Guard. Veterans' Affairs

**H-7445** **SERVICE ANIMALS** (Ajello & Others) This act would guarantee persons with service animals reasonable access to housing and would provide greater protection against discrimination. H.E.W

**H-7818** **NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM** (Ferri) This act would authorize a bond referendum in the amount of seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) to provide funds to the housing resources commission to finance the costs of additional housing and neighborhood revitalization programs. Finance

**S-2085** **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Fogarty & Others) This act would allow mobile and manufactured homes that are a part of a mobile and manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of compliance with the requirements of the city or town's comprehensive land use plan. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2696** **BONDS: NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM** (Goodwin) This act would authorize a bond referendum in the amount of seventy-five million dollars (\$75,000,000) to provide funds to the housing resources commission to finance the costs of additional housing and neighborhood revitalization programs. Finance



## LABOR RELATIONS

**H-7293**    **LEGAL FEES** (Guthrie) This act would prohibit attorneys from charging legal fees to towns and cities or bargaining units for any labor contract in an amount greater than 0.2% of the value of the contract entered into. Labor

**H-7337**    **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS** (Blazejewski & Others) This act would authorize the labor board to certify and recognize union representatives of public employees that submit authorization cards signed by at least seventy percent (70%) of its eligible employee members and empower the labor board to investigate and prosecute coercion used to influence the outcome of controversy as to union representation. Labor

**H-7464**    **PUBLIC SAFETY SUCCESSOR AGREEMENTS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would keep collective bargaining agreements for paid municipal police officers and paid municipal firefighters in effect until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

**H-7465**    **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE/ TEACHER CONTRACTS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would require that the contractual provisions contained in a collective bargaining agreement with certified school teachers and municipal employees would continue until a successor agreement has been reached between the parties. Labor

**H-7467**    **RETIRED POLICE/FIRE: ARBITRATION** (Carnevale & Others) This act would create certain rights of arbitration for retired police officers and firefighters. Labor

**H-7633A**    **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS** (Serpa) This act would provide that in the event a municipality has a locally administered firefighter, police, teacher or municipal employee pension plan in "critical status" and changes are required to implement a funding improvement plan, then in such event no contract would exceed the term of five (5) years. Municipal Government

**H-7694**    **EMERGENCY RESPONDERS** (Gallison & Others) This act would prohibit an employer from terminating an employee for failing to report to regularly scheduled work when the cause for such failure was the employee's official response to an emergency in his or her capacity as a volunteer firefighter or ambulance technician. Labor

**S-2030**    **E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE** (Cote & Others) This act would establish the E-Verify compliance act which would require all non-governmental employers within the state with three (3) or more employees to apply to participate in the federal E-Verify program and to agree to participate in the program if accepted, and requires the department of labor and

training to provide employers with a mechanism for notification and compliance requirements established by the act. Judiciary

**S-2106** **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ARBITRATION** (Satchell & Others) This act would allow municipal contracts to exceed three (3) years if a municipality has a locally administered pension plan in “critical status”, and is required to submit a funding improvement plan pursuant to § 45-65-6(2). Labor

**S-2107** **MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION** (Satchell & Others) This act would allow municipal police contracts to exceed three (3) years if a municipality has a locally administered pension plan in “critical status”, and is required to submit a funding improvement plan pursuant to § 45-65-6(2). Labor

**S-2108** **FIREFIGHTERS’ ARBITRATION** (Satchell & Others) This act would allow municipal contracts to exceed three (3) years if a municipality has a locally administered pension plan in “critical status”, and is required to submit a funding improvement plan pursuant to § 45-65-6(2). Labor

**S-2246A** **TEACHERS’ ARBITRATION** (Satchell & Others) This act would prohibit any municipality that has a locally administered pension plan in "critical status" from entering into labor contracts under this chapter exceeding five (5) years. Labor

**S-2411** **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE/TEACHER CONTRACTS** (McCaffery & Lombard) This act would require that the contractual provisions contained in a collective bargaining agreement with certified school teachers and municipal employees would continue until a successor agreement has been reached between the parties. Labor

**S-2416** **TEACHERS’ TENURE** (Ciccone & Lombardi) This act would amend the situations whereby a school board could layoff teachers and would provide that notices of suspension would be given on or before May 15. Labor

**S-2757** **PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREE GRIEVANCES** (Ciccone & Archambault) This act would allow retired police officers and firefighters to file a grievance with their respective union if a provision of the contract they retired under was violated and they were refused a retirement benefit. Labor

**S-2759** **PUBLIC SAFETY SUCCESSOR AGREEMENTS** (Archambault & Satchell) This act would keep collective bargaining agreements for paid municipal police officers and paid municipal firefighters in effect until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

## LIQUOR CONTROL & LICENSES

**H-7400 WINE DIRECT SHIPPER LICENSE** (Newberry) This act would create a Wine Direct Shipper License for licensed producers in this or any state to directly ship a limited amount of wine to residents age twenty-one (21) or older for personal consumption. Corporations

**H-7410 CLASS A LICENSE: TASTINGS** (Giarrusso & Others) This act would require that a Class A licensee provide, at no additional charge to the consumer, food samples with the tasting of wine and beer. It would also eliminate the requirement that sampling events may not be promoted except on the licensed premises. Corporations

**H-7476 CLASS A LICENSE: WINE SAMPLING** This act would permit Class A liquor retail license holders to elect on four (4) occasions annually to serve unlimited samples of wine products which are available for purchase from the licensee's outlet.

**H-7518 ADULT ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS: BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Hearn & Marcello) This act would require those persons, corporations or other legal entities which are owners, operators, employees or independent contractors of an adult entertainment business or establishment to undergo a national criminal records check. Judiciary

**H-7413 LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES: BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Naughton & Others) This act would expand the type of criminal records check required for persons applying to be routine contact patient employees in a long-term care facility or provider. Judiciary

**H-7529 UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS** (San Bento & Others) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the contractor's registration and licensing board. It also would require that a bond be furnished by the contractor that would indemnify the local cities/towns. The act also would repeal §5-20-11 entitled "Licensing of Drainlayers and Installers". Corporations

**H-7531 RETAIL LICENSES: PERSONS UNDER 21** (Hearn & Others) This act would prohibit any person under twenty-one (21) years of age from a nightclub where alcoholic beverages are served. Corporations

**H-7532 ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS** (Williams & Others) This act would expand and would clarify the type of work that can and must be performed only by a person who holds an electrical contractor's license to include those who maintain, service, and test certain appurtenances. This act would also change references to an "oil burner contractor" to a "burner contractor". Corporations

**H-7678Aaa ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES** (McNamara & Others) This act would require every assisted living residence to post in a conspicuous public area of the residence: (1) A copy of its license; (2) The name and contact information for the current administrator; (3) Contact information for the division within the health department accepting complaints or notice of violations; and (4) A copy of the latest annual state licensing survey report. H.E.W.

**H-7716 AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOP LICENSES** (Corvese & Others) This act would create two (2) different license classifications for auto body repair shop facilities and also require the state to conduct separate and distinct labor rate surveys based upon the type of license classifications held by the auto body repair shop facility. Corporations

**H-7718 FARMER-BREWER LICENSE** (Valencia & Others) This act would provide a process for issuance of a farmer-brewer license. This act would also regulate the importation of products used in the brewing process and would provide for certain wholesale/retail sale restrictions. Corporations

**H-7719 RENEWABLE ENERGY CONTRACTORS** (Kazarian & Others) This act would make adjustments to the electrical and plumbing licensing rules for renewable energy installations as well as the mode of work the holder of a Certificate of Competency in solar thermal installations can do. It would also provide that a REC Certificate be issued to any qualifying person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of solar thermal installations. Corporations

**H-7752 LOCATION OF SCHOOLS IN PROXIMITY** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would prohibit the location of new schools in proximity to alcohol sales license holders. H.E.W.

**H-7789 SALONS** (Palumbo & Lima) This act would eliminate the requirement that all shops that provide barber, hairdresser, cosmetic therapy, manicures and esthetic services, have on duty at all times a licensed proprietor or licensed barber, hairdresser or cosmetician. Corporations

**H-7793A ELECTRICIANS LICENSE** (Phillips & Others) This act would create a new electricians license called the "sign renovation electrical license" limited to the removal or

installation of signs only if the removal or installation of the sign requires removing or installing three (3) wires. It also expands the definition of electrical sign contractor and electrical sign installer to accommodate the creation of the new "sign renovation electrical license". Corporations

**H-7796 AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOP LICENSES** (Corvese & Others) This act would create two (2) different license classifications for auto body repair shop facilities. It would also require the state to conduct separate and distinct labor rate surveys based upon the type of license classifications held by the auto body repair facility. Corporations

**H-7919 FARMER-BREWER LICENSE/FARMERS MARKET WINE SALES** (Nunes & Tanzi) This act would provide a process for the issuance of a farmer-brewer license. This act would also regulate the importation of products used in the brewing process and would provide for certain wholesale/retail sale restrictions. This act would also provide for the issuance of a special license for the sale of wine produced by or for the licensee in sealed containers for off-premise consumption at an indoor or outdoor farmers' market. Corporations

**H-7988A "LOCK-IN" PERMITS**(Carnevale) This act would permit the holder of a Class B and/or Class ED retail license to apply for a "Lock-In Event" permit to allow a group of individuals to remain in the licensed premises after closing hours, including, but not limited to, the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Corporations

**H-8112 LAUNDRIES** (MacBeth & Others) This act would give licensing authorities the discretion to require dry cleaners to either post a list containing the retail price charged for each type of garment except for garments requiring special handling, or to display a printed leaflet or flyer listing these prices in a conspicuous location. Corporations

**H-8113 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE VIOLATIONS** (Messier & Others) This act would increase the maximum fines which may be levied for alcoholic beverage violations. Corporations

**H-8116 PLUMBERS: CONTINUING EDUCATION** (Abney) This act would require master and journeyman plumbers to complete a course of continuing education prior to the renewal or reinstatement of their license as determined by the board of examiners. Corporations

**H-8139 SALONS** (Corvese & Azzinaro) This act would allow barbers, hairdressers, cosmeticians, manicurists and estheticians to provide their services outside of their salon as long as they acquire an additional license from the department of health. Corporations

**H-8140 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES** (McNamara & Bennett) This act would allow currently licensed ambulatory care facilities to provide services at other locations operated by the same facility without having to first obtain an additional license. Finance

**H-8158 LEAD INSPECTORS AND CONTRACTORS** (Handy & Edwards) This act would provide for a longer licensing period, making the licensing process less labor intensive by eliminating the requirement for annual refresher courses. The act would clarify language used to distinguish licensure and certification. The act would also establish a penalty or fining authority in line with E.P.A. requirements for the program to acquire delegation of authority. Corporations

**H-8171 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE RETAIL SALES: GAMING FACILITIES** (Gallison) This act would create a Class B-C retail license for the sale of alcoholic beverages permitting holders of gaming licenses authorized to operate twenty-four (24) hours a day to, in addition to the rights of Class B license holders, serve alcoholic beverages between the hours of 6 a.m. and 2 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and nights before federal and state legal holidays. Finance

**H-8200A RENEWABLE ENERGY AND SOLAR THERMAL INSTALLERS** (Kazarian & Others) This act would make adjustments to the electrical, plumbing or mechanical licensing rules for renewable energy installations as well as the mode of work the holder of a Certificate of Competency in solar thermal installations can do. It would also provide that a REC Certificate be issued to any qualifying person, firm, or corporation that engages in the business of solar thermal installations. Corporations

**H-8284 FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS** (Amore & Others) This act would establish a procedure for the initial payment and renewal registration fees for the operation of a food business.

**H-8272 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE** (O'Brien & Others) This act would require proof of liquor liability insurance in order for a license to be issued or renewed for the manufacture, importation, wholesale, or retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Corporations

**H-8323 TENTS** (Trillo & Others) This act would allow tents up to three hundred fifty square feet (350 sq. ft.) to be erected, maintained, operated or used in any city or town without the need for a license unless required by state fire code and exempts tents erected on land of one or two (2) family dwellings from fire marshal jurisdiction. It would further provide that the state fire marshal provide the necessary training to all assistant fire marshals. Municipal Government

**S-2015**    **LAUNDRIES** (Picard & Others) This act would give licensing authorities the discretion to require dry cleaners to either post a list containing the retail price charged for each type of garment except for garments requiring special handling, or to display a printed leaflet or flyer listing these prices in a conspicuous location. Commerce

**S-2224**    **RAW MILK ACT** (Kettle & Others) This act would establish procedures and standards promulgated by the milk commission for the handling and sale of raw milk in the state. Health & Human Services

**S-2228A**    **TENTS** (Walaska & Others) This act would allow tents up to three hundred fifty square feet (350 sq. ft.) to be erected, maintained, operated or used in any city or town without the need for a license unless required by state fire code and exempts tents erected on land of one or two (2) family dwellings from fire marshal jurisdiction. It would further provide that the state fire marshal provide the necessary training to all assistant fire marshals. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2391**    **UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS** (Walaska) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the contractor's registration and licensing board. It also would require that a bond be furnished by the contractor that would indemnify the local cities/towns. The act also would repeal §5-20-11 entitled "Licensing of drainlayers and installers". Labor

**S-2406**    **ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS** (Fogarty & Others) This act would expand and would clarify the type of work that can and must be performed only by a person who holds an electrical contractor's license. This act would also change references to an "oil burner contractor" to a "burner contractor". Labor

**S-2421**    **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE** (McCaffery) This act would require proof of liquor liability insurance in order for a license to be issued or renewed for the manufacture, importation, wholesale, or retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Special Legislation & Veterans' Affairs

**S-2434**    **WASTE HAULERS** (Cool Rumsey & Others) This act would require all commercial haulers desiring to transport solid waste within the state be licensed by the director of the department of business regulation. Licenses would be renewable every five (5) years. The act would also provide penalties for violations of the act. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2506Aaa**    **ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCES** (Goldin & Others) This act would require licensed assisted living residences to display a copy of its license, contact information for its current administration, health department contacts for complaints and the

latest copy of the results report of the annual state licensing survey. Health & Human Services

**S-2559 UNLICENSED HEALTHCARE FACILITIES** (Goodwin) This act would establish guidelines and would clarify jurisdiction for the department of health to suspend operations of an unlicensed home health care agency operating without proper authority. This act would also define how continuity of care would be provided for patients receiving health care services from an unlicensed home health care agency operating without proper authority. Health & Human Services

**S-2652 LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES: BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Lombardi & Others) This act would expand the type of criminal records check required for persons applying to be routine contact patient employees in a long-term care facility or provider. Judiciary

**S-2682A SALONS** (Miller & Goodwin) This act would allow licensed manicurists, estheticians, barbers, hairdressers and cosmeticians to provide services to an individual outside a licensed shop as part of a special occasion event such as a wedding or prom, so long as the services are limited to hairstyling and makeup and in keeping with sanitation standards expected of licensees in licensed shops. Commerce

**S-2692A SOLAR THERMAL INSTALLERS** (Walaska & Sosnowski) This act would make adjustments to the electrical, plumbing or mechanical licensing rules for renewable energy installations as well as the mode of work the holder of a Certificate of Competency in solar thermal installations can do. It would also provide that a REC Certificate be issued to any qualifying person, firm, or corporation that engages in the business of solar thermal installations. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2703 SALONS** (Gallo & Lynch) This act would eliminate the requirement that all shops that provide barber, hairdresser, cosmetic therapy, manicures and esthetic services, have on duty at all times a licensed proprietor or licensed barber, hairdresser or cosmetician. Health & Human Services

**S-2717A ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE VIOLATIONS: FINES** (Cicccone & Others) This act would increase the maximum fines which may be levied for alcoholic beverage violations. This act would further clarify that the penalties may be imposed for any violation of applicable law, ordinance, rule, or regulation. This act would further provide that, where a licensee has not committed any offense within the five (5) years prior to the commission of an offense, that offense committed shall be considered a first offense for purposes of determining a fine. Judiciary



**S-2729 CLASS A LICENSES** (Jabour & Others) This act would permit Class A liquor retail license holders to elect on four (4) occasions annually to serve unlimited samples of wine products which are available for purchase from the licensee's outlet. Special Legislation & Veterans' Affairs

**S-2802 BARBERS, HAIRDRESSERS, COSMETICIANS** (Nesslebusch & Others) This act would require the department of health to inspect and approve the locations of all barber shops and to charge a fee for that inspection. It would also empower the state police to close unlicensed barbershops and further penalize the proprietor if he or she failed to apply for the proper license. It would also allow a qualified non-high school graduate to become an apprentice barber. Health & Human Services

**S-2834 AUTOMOBILE BODY REPAIR SHOP LICENSES** (Goodwin & Ruggerio) This act would create two (2) different license classifications for auto body repair shop facilities. It would also require the state to conduct separate and distinct labor rate surveys based upon the type of license classifications held by the auto body repair facility. Judiciary

**S-2839A "LOCK-IN" PERMITS** (Goodwin & Others) This act would permit the holder of a Class B and/or Class ED retail license to apply for a "Lock-In" Event permit to allow a group of individuals to remain in the licensed premises after closing hours, including, but not limited to, the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

**S-2985 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES** (Lynch) This act would allow currently licensed ambulatory care facilities to provide services at other locations operated by the same facility without having to first obtain an additional license. Health & Human Services

**S-3012 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE RETAIL SALES: GAMING FACILITIES** (Goodwin) This act would create a Class B-C retail license for the sale of alcoholic beverages permitting holders of gaming licenses authorized to operate twenty-four (24) hours a day to, in addition to the rights of Class B license holders, serve alcoholic beverages between the hours of 6 a.m. and 2 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and nights before federal and state legal holidays. Special Legislation & Veterans' Affairs

**S-3054 PLUMBERS LICENSES: CONTINUING EDUCATION** (Archambault) This act would require master and journeyman plumbers to complete a course of continuing education prior to the renewal or reinstatement of their license as determined by the board of examiners. Labor

## PLANNING & ZONING

**H-7058 BOARDING HOUSES** (Coderre & Others) This act would amend and create new zoning code definitions concerning board/rooming houses, dwelling units and modifies existing and creates new types of residential occupancy arrangements. Municipal Government

**H-7279 AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Hearn & Others) This act would allow inclusionary zoning ordinances to provide that affordable housing must be built on-site or, in the alternative, be produced off-site, by donation of land and/or by the payment of a fee-in-lieu of the construction or provision of affordable housing units. Municipal Government

**H-7388 COMPOSTING OPERATIONS** (Edwards & Others) This act would require applications for the conduct of composting operations to contain written confirmation from the town that the operation will be conducted in an area with proper zoning. Municipal Government

**H-7628 COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS** (Keable & Others) This act would allow mobile and manufactured homes which are a part of a mobile and manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of compliance with the requirements of the city or town's comprehensive land use plan. Municipal Government

**H-7632 AFFORDABLE HOUSING: PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would provide that zoning ordinances that contain inclusionary zoning must provide incentives to developers who build affordable housing or would allow a developer to pay a fee-in-lieu of constructing the affordable housing. It would be the developer's choice as to whether to construct affordable housing or pay a fee-in-lieu of construction of the affordable housing. Further, this would set forth what a municipality is to do with fees paid in lieu of construction. Municipal Government

**H-7700A ZONING BOARDS OF REVIEW** (DeSimone & Others) This act would establish a sixty-five (65) day time period from the date of filing an appeal with a zoning board of review to hear and decide appeals. It would also require a zoning board of review to render a decision within fifteen (15) days after the public hearing and to record and file its decision in the city or town clerk's office within fifteen (15) working days from the date the decision is rendered. Municipal Government

**H-7874A RESOLUTION: ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ENABLING ACTS** (Craven & Others) This resolution would amend and increase the membership of said commission from five (5) to eleven (11), and extend the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study Rhode Island's zoning and subdivision enabling acts from

January 15, 2014, to January 15, 2015, and said commission would expire on June 15, 2015.  
Municipal Government

**H-8054 APPEALS: STAY OF PROCEEDINGS** (Cimini & Palangio) This act would authorize a municipal zoning enforcement officer or agency to lift the automatic stay pending appeal where the stay would cause imminent peril to the public health, safety or welfare, or would cause a substantial economic burden to the applicant. Municipal Government

**H-8069 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Walsh) This act would place a moratorium on for-profit developers' submissions of plans for low and moderate income housing developments. Finance

**H-8119 ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION: MICRO ZONES** (Marshall & Others) This act would create micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization, employment opportunities, and business development through the redevelopment of obsolete, dilapidated and abandoned industrial and commercial structures. Finance

**H-8180 TIMING OF APPEALS** (Slater) This act would establish a time certain for filing an appeal to the zoning board of review. It would provide that an appeal from a decision by a zoning enforcement officer or agency shall be taken within twenty (20) calendar days of the date of the recording of the decision. It would further provide for the removal of the current "within a reasonable time" provision. Municipal Government

**H-8181 VIOLATION OF ORDINANCES: FINES** (Slater) This act would amend the amount a city or town may charge as a daily penalty for violations of zoning ordinances from five hundred dollars (\$500) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and would provide for a one-time unlimited civil penalty for violations of a zoning ordinance when the violation caused permanent damage to public health, safety and/or welfare. Municipal Government

**H-8207 PUBLIC NOTICE** (Blazejewski) This act would expand the definition of "aggrieved party" in zoning matters to include anyone requiring notice pursuant to the municipalities' ordinances. This act would eliminate various definitions relating to local zoning and would eliminate the requirement that municipalities maintain a public notice registry, while allowing neighborhood groups to register with the director of the local zoning board in order to obtain notice of public hearings. Municipal Government

**S-2086 AFFORDABLE HOUSING: PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Bates & Others) This act would allow inclusionary zoning ordinances to provide that affordable housing must be built on-site or, in the alternative, be produced off-site, by donation of land and/or by the payment of a fee-in-lieu of the construction or provision of affordable housing units. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2146 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES** (Picard & Cote) This act would authorize the creation of a municipal economic development zone consisting of the entire city of Woonsocket and require that the director of the department of revenue perform an annual review of all MED zones and transmit said review to the chairpersons of the house and senate finance committees. Finance

**S-2186 COMPOSTING OPERATIONS** (DiPalma& Others) This act would require applications for the conduct of composting operations to contain written confirmation from the town that the operation will be conducted in an area with proper zoning. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2227A RESOLUTION: ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ENABLING ACTS** (Satchell & Others). This resolution would amend and increase the membership of said commission from five (5) to eleven (11), and extend the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study Rhode Island's zoning and subdivision enabling acts from January 15, 2014, to January 15, 2015, and said commission would expire on June 15, 2015 Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2279 BOARDING HOUSES** (Lynch & Ruggerio) This act would amend and create new zoning code definitions concerning board/rooming houses, dwelling units and modifies existing and creates new types of residential occupancy arrangements. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2330 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES** (Doyle & Others) This act would expand the number of municipal economic zones permitted by law by eliminating certain restrictions including but not limited to those on population and new development. Finance

**S-2550 AFFORDABLE HOUSING: PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Crowley) This act would provide that zoning ordinances that contain inclusionary zoning must provide incentives to developers who build affordable housing or would allow a developer to pay a fee-in-lieu of constructing the affordable housing. It would be the developer's choice as to whether to construct affordable housing or pay a fee-in-lieu of construction of the affordable housing. Further, this would set forth what a municipality is to do with fees paid in lieu of construction. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2705 501(C)(3) NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS** (Jabour & Others) This act would require notice to neighborhood groups organized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and who are properly registered annually with their local zoning board before any zoning decision would be adopted. This act would also classify these same

groups as aggrieved parties under this chapter for the purpose of appealing zoning decisions. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2706A** **TIMING OF APPEALS** (Jabour & Others) This act would require that appeals be taken within twenty (20) days of the date of the recording of the decision by a zoning enforcement officer or agency. It would further provide for the removal of the current “within a reasonable time” provision. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2718A** **PENALTIES** (Miller & Others) This act would amend the amount a city or town may charge as a daily penalty for violations of zoning ordinances from five hundred dollars (\$500) to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and would provide for a one-time unlimited civil penalty for violations of a zoning ordinance pertaining to the removal of significant trees. Judiciary

**S-2722** **APPEALS GENERALLY** (Jabour & Others) This act would authorize a municipal zoning enforcement officer or agency to lift the automatic stay pending appeal where the stay would cause imminent peril to the public health, safety or welfare, or would cause a substantial economic burden to the applicant. Judiciary

**S-2882** **PUBLIC NOTICE** (Jabour & Others) This act would expand the definition of "aggrieved party" in zoning matters to include anyone requiring notice pursuant to the municipalities' ordinances. This act would eliminate various definitions relating to local zoning and would eliminate the requirement that municipalities maintain a public notice registry, while allowing neighborhood groups to register with the director of the local zoning board in order to obtain notice of public hearings. Judiciary

**S-2989** **ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION: MICRO ZONES** (Metts & Others) This act would create micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization, employment opportunities, and business development through the redevelopment of obsolete, dilapidated and abandoned industrial and commercial structures. Finance

## **PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE & FIRE)**

**H-7019** **ANIMAL ABUSE** (Canario & Others) This act would require persons who have been convicted of felony animal abuse to annually register with his or her local police department for fifteen (15) years. It would require the local police department to provide public notification of the animal abuser's identity, registration and personal information. Judiciary

**H-7091A** **ELDER ABUSE** (Coderre & Others) This act would allow the release of patient records for investigation and prosecution if a healthcare provider believes, after providing healthcare services to an elder patient, that the patient is or has been physically, psychologically or sexual abused, neglected or exploited and would require the reporting of any such abuse to the local or state law enforcement agencies. H.E.W

**H-7023** **POLICE TRAINING** (O'Neill & Others) This act would require mandatory training standards to provide instruction for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding to, handling, investigating and reporting all incidents involving any person with a developmental disability. Judiciary

**H-7043** **FIREFIGHTER INJURY RELIEF** (Serpa & Others) This act would extend the age limit within which the child of a deceased or disabled firefighter is entitled to have tuition paid by the Rhode Island general fund from age twenty-one (21) to twenty-five (25). H.E.W

**H-7052** **FETAL PROTECTION ACT** (Edwards & Others) This act would establish the "Fetal Protection Act" which would define and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child. Judiciary

**H-7126** **BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Keable & Others) This act would require municipal recreation departments to obtain written authorization to perform a background check on a volunteer or employee. This act would also authorize any fire district or fire department located in the Town of Burrillville to request written authorization to perform a background check from their local police department for any employee or volunteer serving their community as a firefighter or employee of the fire district. Judiciary

**H-7097** **ELECTRONIC CITATIONS** (Lima & Others) This act would establish a system for the electronic generation and transmittal of those documents generated by a police agency as a consequence of a traffic citation. This act would also allow the court to impose a fee of five dollars (\$5) for every offense not disposed of by a finding of not guilty or dismissed to defray the cost of the establishing and maintaining the system. Judiciary

**H-7103 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Raptakis & Others) This act would include persons who have been convicted of murder as defined in § 11-1 23-1 within the class of persons which would be subject to the sexual offender registration and community notification provisions of the general laws. Judiciary

**H-7098 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** (Amore & Others) This act would allow proof of financial responsibility (insurance) to be furnished to a police officer, through the use of a mobile electronic device, during the investigation of a motor vehicle offense or accident or when a motor vehicle is stopped for probable cause. Judiciary

**H-7152 SCHOOL BUSES: CELL PHONES** (Corvese & Azzinaro) This act would make it illegal for a student to use a cell phone on a school bus in a non-emergency situation. Judiciary

**H-7219 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Giarusso & Others) This act would require contract employees of a private school or public school department, and individuals hired by a third party vendor who has contracted with the private school or public school department to provide services, to undergo a national criminal background check, prior to or within one week of employment at the school. The act would also expand the disqualifying information on the national criminal background check to include convictions of child pornography offenses. H.E.W

**H-7258A ELECTRONIC TRACKING** (Mattiello & Others) This act would restrict the installation, concealment or placement of an electronic tracking device in or on a motor vehicle, and would add electronic tracking devices to the 2 definition of "domestic violence" under the "Domestic Violence Protection Act". Judiciary

**H-7262 SPECIAL DRIVERS LICENSE** (Williams & Others, Governor) This act would authorize the division of motor vehicles to issue a special driver's license to foreign nationals. Judiciary

**H-7266 DOGS** (Guthrie & Others) This act would exclude from the definition of "vicious dogs", any dog which is owned, harbored or trained for the purposes of dog fighting. Judiciary

**H-7304Aaa DNA COLLECTION** (Kennedy & Others) This act would require the collection of DNA samples for any person arrested for a crime of violence as defined in this act or convicted of any felony and expand the list of crimes for which the collection is required. The samples would be included in the Rhode Island DNA database to be administered by the FBI's national DNA identification index system, which allows for the storage and exchange of DNA records submitted by state and local forensic DNA

laboratories for the identification and/or exclusion of individuals who are the subject of criminal investigations or prosecutions. Judiciary

**H-7326 AIRPORT FIREFIGHTERS** (Keable & Others) This act would entitle airport corporation rescue and firefighters to obtain injured in the line of duty benefits, if so qualified and would include injuries sustained while performing services for the executive military staff. Finance

**H-7328 WEAPONS** (Hull & Others) This act would require that mandatory jail sentencing be imposed for the crime of possession of a stolen firearm. Any person found in violation shall not be afforded the benefit of suspension, deferment, or probation. Judiciary

**H-7384 OPEN MEETINGS-FIRE COMPANIES** (Gallison & Others) This act would exempt fire companies with no tax and/or policy making authority from the posting requirements of this section. Judiciary

**H-7413 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES: BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Naughton & Others) This act would expand the type of criminal records check required for persons applying to be routine contact patient employees in a long-term facility or provider. Judiciary

**H-7425 SEXUAL OFFENDER NOTIFICATION REGISTRY** (Palumbo & Others) This act would repeal Chapter 11-37.1 of the General Laws entitled "Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification" and replace it with the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) (Title I of Public Law 109-248). Finance

**H-7464 POLICE/FIRE CONTRACTS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would keep collective bargaining agreements for paid municipal police officers and paid municipal firefighters in effect until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

**H-7467 RETIRED POLICE/FIRE: ARBITRATION** (Carnevale & Others) This act would create certain rights of arbitration for retired police officers and firefighters. Labor

**H-7496 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Abney & Others) This act would specifically make it a misdemeanor to confine any animal in a motor vehicle if it is done in a manner that places the animal in a life or extreme health threatening situation. Judiciary

**H-7514 INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS-WARRANTS AND SUBPOENAS** (Martin & Others) This act would expand the time period that law enforcement officials, who have received internet subscriber account information and have not instituted an arrest,



grand jury proceeding, or criminal prosecution have, before they are required to apply for a judicial search warrant, from between sixty (60) days and seventy-five (75) days to between one hundred (100) days and one hundred twenty (120) days. Judiciary

**H-7518 ADULT ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESS--BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Hearn & Marcello) This act would require those persons, corporations or other legal entities which are owners, operators, employees or independent contractors of an adult entertainment business or establishment to undergo a national criminal records check. Judiciary

**H-7575 CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING** (Lombardi & Others) **This** act would require for the police officer commission on standards and training to establish mandatory training standards to provide instruction for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding to, handling, investigating and reporting all incidents involving any person requiring a higher level of mental health literacy. H.E.W.

**H-7578 PUPIL SAFETY** (Williams & Others) This act would require that for school bus transportation provided to children enrolled in grades K-6 a parent, guardian or authorized person be present at the child's designated bus stops. H.E.W.

**H-7582 WEAPONS** (Diaz & Others) This act would provide for limited exceptions to the provisions of the general laws prohibiting the possession of a firearm by minors while a minor is in the presence of a qualified adult or participating in certain competitive or ceremonial events. Judiciary

**H-7583 SAFE FIREARMS ACT** (Almeida) This act would establish the Safe Firearms Act. The act would define an assault weapon, and would also restrict the manufacture, sale, possession and transfer of certain assault weapons. This act would provide exceptions for certain police, corrections, military and other specified organizations and individuals. Judiciary

**H-7585 WEAPONS** (Almeida) This act makes possession of firearms magazines of more than ten (10) round capacities unlawful, exempting, however, military and law enforcement personnel and firearms dealers engaged in supplying magazines to lawful users, and certain transfers authorized by a probate court. Judiciary

**H-7588 WEAPONS** (Walsh & O'Neil) This act would make it a felony to discharge a firearm or incendiary or explosive device aboard an aircraft. Judiciary

**H-7597A SPEED RESTRICTIONS** (Lally) This act would require drivers to move a vehicle into a lane that is not the lane nearest a parked or standing piece of highway

maintenance equipment highway maintenance equipment displaying flashing lights (while performing maintenance operations) and would continue traveling in the lane until safely clear of the highway maintenance equipment. Judiciary

**H-7612**     **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** (Messier & Others) This act would clarify the criminal offense of human trafficking. This act would also revise the procedures governing forfeitures of proceeds seized from human trafficking. Judiciary

**H-7614**     **ASSAULT ON FIRST RESPONDERS** (Marshall & Others) This act would add health care workers, including hospital employees, home health care workers, EMTs and other first responders, to the class of persons an assault on whom constitutes a felony. Judiciary

**H-7667**     **FIREARMS QUALIFICATION** (Jacquard & Others) This act would require that correctional officers qualify to carry a pistol every two (2) years. Finance

**H-7681**     **MOBILE PHONE USE** (Lima & Others) This act would make the use of a hand-held mobile phone while driving a commercial motor vehicle a traffic violation in accordance with federal regulations. Judiciary

**H-7683A**     **WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES** (Johnston & Hull) This act would substitute the words "personal wireless communication devices" in place of the words "cell phones", and would prohibit the use of a personal wireless communication device while driving a motor vehicle or school bus. This act would align state law with federal guidelines. This act would align state law with federal guidelines. Judiciary

**H-7686**     **STRIP SEARCHES** (Walsh & Others) This act would codify the standards necessary to conduct strip searches and body cavity searches. Judiciary

**H-7688**     **EXPLOSIVES** (Carnevale & Others) This act would make it illegal to possess bomb-making ingredients and would create criminal violations for the possession of bombs and bomb-making ingredients by distinguishing them from illegal fireworks. Judiciary

**H-7691**     **EXPLOSIVES** (Jacquard & Palangio) This act would make it illegal for any person prohibited from possessing a firearm from possessing explosive materials, or conducting displays of fireworks or pyrotechnics. Judiciary

**H-7692**     **PEACE OFFICER DEFINED** (Jacquard & Palangio) This act would add juvenile program workers and shift coordinators of the department of children, youth, and families to the definition of peace officer. Judiciary

**H-7759 SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would increase the minimum age to buy and sell tobacco products from eighteen (18) years to twenty-one (21) years. H.E.W.

**H-7764A CHILD SAFE ZONES** (Ackerman & Others) This act would create child safe zones where sex offenders whose victim was a minor are prohibited from being employed. This act also prohibits a sex offender whose victim was a minor from owning or operating an entity that is in a child safe zone. Judiciary

**H-7766A SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Mattiello & Others) This act would make it a felony to knowingly disseminate the electronic transmission of indecent materials to minors and would subject those offenders to the Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act. Judiciary

**H-8325 “KNOCKOUT” ASSAULTS** (Craven & Others) This act would provide that any person who shall commit an assault or battery for the purpose of causing unconsciousness, a so-called "knockout assault," would be deemed to have committed a felony, and would be imprisoned for not more than three (3) years, or fined not more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), or both. Judiciary

**H-7845A COMPUTER CRIMES: IMPERSONATION** (Mattiello & Others) This act would prohibit persons from using the name or persona of another person or a public official to create a web page, post messages on a social networking site, or send electronic communication without the person's consent and with the intent to harm or defraud. This act would also prescribe specific fines and penalties first and subsequent violations thereof. Judiciary

**H-7855 WEAPONS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would restrict the possession or transportation of firearms at airports. Judiciary

**H-7856 WEAPONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS** (MacBeth & Others) This act would restrict the prohibition against possessing firearms or other weapons on school grounds to students or other persons less than eighteen (18) years of age, and would include knives of any length, if capable of cutting or stabbing another person, among the prohibited weapons. It would also exempt students while they are engaged in culinary functions. Judiciary

**H-7915 CONSTABLES** (Silva & Shekarchi) This act would allow a licensed constable the power to serve or execute certain arrest warrants and body attachments, upon application and approval by either the chief justice of the supreme court, the presiding justice of the superior court, the chief judge of the family and district courts, and/or the chief judge of a housing court. Judiciary

**H-7923 WEAPONS: PERSONS PROHIBITED** (Williams & Others) This act would prohibit persons convicted of certain misdemeanor domestic offenses from purchasing, owning, carrying, transporting, or having in his or her possession any firearm, and would prohibit persons from carrying a rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or conveyance, except upon his or her own property unless otherwise engaged in certain lawful activities proscribed by law. This act would also provide additional penalties for transferring a firearm to a minor, if that firearm is used in a crime of violence. Judiciary

**H-7940A WEAPONS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would eliminate the prohibition against a person who has been adjudicated or is under treatment as a habitual drunkard from owning, purchasing, carrying, transporting or having in his or her possession any firearm. Judiciary

**H-7999 VERBAL WARNING** (Slater & Diaz) This act would authorize police officers to provide a verbal warning to a person who is smoking in a vehicle containing a child who is restrained or required to be restrained. Judiciary

**H-8015 WEAPONS: ARSON INVESTIGATORS** (Slater) This act would permit Providence fire department arson investigators to carry firearms statewide. Judiciary

**H-8034 SEIZURE OF WEAPONS: DOMESTIC ABUSE** (Ajello & Cimini) This act would authorize police officers to seize weapons from the scene of alleged instances of domestic abuse. The act would set forth provisions for the return of seized weapons depending on the resolution of the criminal proceeding, with notice to the victim of domestic assault. Judiciary

**H-8037 BACKGROUND CHECKS: FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS** (Slater & Diaz) This act would require all persons seeking employment as a firefighter to undergo a state and national criminal background check prior to being hired. The act would also require fingerprinting of the applicant, the records of which would be destroyed after completion of the background check. Municipal Government

**H-8071 AUTHORITY OF CONSTABLES** (Newberry & Mattiello) This act would authorize state licensed constables the power to carry out body attachments. Judiciary

**H-8099 THREATS: PUBLIC OFFICIALS** (Keable & Others) This act would add court magistrates to the list of covered public officials that are protected from felonious threats. Judiciary

**H-8237 RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS** (Carnevale) This act would provide that deputy sheriffs, capitol police officers, environmental police officers, juvenile program workers, shift coordinators, airport crash/rescue firefighters, airport police, and campus police officers employed by the state of Rhode Island or any Rhode Island quasi-public agency be granted retirement benefits equal to those given to the state police. Finance

**H-8264 MADDATORY COURT APPEARANCES** (Keable) This act would exclude parking tickets from being used as a basis for a mandatory court appearance for a traffic offense. Judiciary

**H-8345 COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT** (Almeida & Diaz) This act would have all police departments submit to the office of highway safety an annual report indicating what action has been taken to address any racial disparities in traffic stops and/or searches. This would begin on January 15, 2015 and for four (4) years following the commencement of data collection. Judiciary

**S-2031 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Raptakis & Others) This act would include persons that have been convicted of murder as defined in § 11-1 23-1 within the class of persons which would be subject to the sexual offender registration and community notification provisions of the general laws. Judiciary

**S-2084 VERBAL WARNING** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would authorize police officers to provide a verbal warning to a person who is smoking in a vehicle containing a child who is restrained or required to be restrained. Health & Human Services

**S-2089 CONFISCATION OF LICENSE PLATES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require that the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated by a law enforcement officer if the owner was arrested for driving while their license was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test or for operating under the influence of a narcotic drug or intoxicating liquor. Judiciary

**S-2092Aaa MOBILE TELEPHONE USE** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would make unlawful the use of a non-hands-free mobile telephone while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel or in an emergency situation. Judiciary

**S-2093 CONFISCATED PROPERTY** (Fogarty) This act would provide that police departments and local drug control divisions would be allowed to keep confiscated property, and any income derived from such property would be used for community or law enforcement purposes. Judiciary

**S-2101B DNA COLLECTION** (Bates & Others) This act would require the collection of DNA samples for any person arrested for a crime of violence as defined in this act or convicted of any felony. This act would expand the list of crimes for which a DNA sample is required. The samples would be included in the Rhode Island DNA database to be administered by the FBI's national DNA identification index system, which allows for the storage and exchange of DNA records submitted by state and local forensic DNA laboratories for the identification and/or exclusion of individuals who are the subject of criminal investigations or prosecutions. Judiciary

**S-2104 BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Fogarty) This act would require municipal recreation departments to obtain written authorization to perform a background check on a volunteer or employee. This act would also authorize any fire district or fire department located in the Town of Burrillville to request written authorization to perform a background check from their local police department for any employee or volunteer serving their community as a firefighter or employee of the fire district. Judiciary

**S-2109 PARKING FACILITIES** (Fogarty & Others) This act would require the division of motor vehicles to place on all placards for persons with disabilities the person's photo. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

**S-2117 PARKING PRIVILEGES** (Doyle & Others) This act would allow visiting nurse associations or agencies employing nurses and therapists that provide services to persons with disabilities to be issued one or more portable motor vehicle placards only to be used by agents or employees of the facility and only when transporting or visiting persons with disabilities. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

**S-2138 ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY** (Walaska) This act would create an animal abuser registry and would provide for penalties for failure to register. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2152Aaa OPEN MEETINGS** (Pearson & Others) This act would exempt fire companies with no tax and/or policy making authority from the posting requirements of this section. Judiciary

**S-2153 AUTHORITY OF CONSTABLES** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would authorize state licensed constables the power to carry out body attachments. Judiciary

**S-2158 PEACE OFFICER DEFINED** (Fogarty) This act would add juvenile program workers and shift coordinators of the department of children, youth, and families to the definition of peace officer.

**S-2241 SPECIAL DRIVERS LICENSE** (Ciccone & Pichardo) This act would authorize the division of motor vehicles to issue a special driver's license to foreign nationals. Judiciary

**S-2242 WEAPONS** (Lynch & Others). This act would prevent anyone convicted of a misdemeanor domestic violence offense from purchasing, owning, carrying, transporting, or possessing a firearm. Judiciary

**S-2312A CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would specifically make it a misdemeanor to confine any animal in a motor vehicle if it is done in a manner that places the animal in a life or extreme health threatening situation. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2362 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES** (Kettle & Others) This act would prohibit law enforcement from using unmanned aerial vehicles without a proper warrant. Judiciary

**S-2370 CAMPUS POLICE OFFICERS** (Archambault & Others) This act would include campus police officers appointed by the Rhode Island board of education in the definition of "police officer" for purposes of injured on duty benefits and in the definition of "law enforcement officer" for purposes of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights. Judiciary

**S-2389 STOP AND DETAIN: AUTHORITY** (Hodgson & Archambault) This act would authorize any municipal police officer who enters another city or town in close pursuit of a person to stop and briefly detain that person for violations of the motor vehicle code of the officer's municipality. The officer would have the same authority as members of a duly organized municipal peace unit of the city or town entered. Judiciary

**S-2444 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** (Conley & Others) This act would allow proof of financial responsibility (insurance) to be furnished to a police officer, through the use of a mobile electronic device, during the investigation of a motor vehicle offense or accident or when a motor vehicle is stopped for probable cause. Commerce

**S-2567 EXPLOSIVES** (Goodwin) This act would make it illegal for any person prohibited from possessing a firearm from possessing explosive materials, or conducting displays of fireworks or pyrotechnics. Judiciary

**S-2591A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES** (Archambault & Others) This act would substitute the words "personal wireless communication devices" in place of the words "cell phones", and would prohibit the use of a personal wireless communication

device while driving a motor vehicle or school bus. This act would align state law with federal guidelines. Judiciary

**S-2602 HUMAN TRAFFICKING** (Lynch & Others) This act would clarify the criminal offense of human trafficking. This act would also revise the procedures governing forfeitures of proceeds seized from human trafficking. Judiciary

**S-2610 SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Lombardi & Others) This act would make it a felony to knowingly disseminate the electronic transmission of indecent materials to minors and would subject those offenders to the Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act. Judiciary

**S-2709 MOBILE PHONE USE** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would make the use of a hand-held mobile phone while driving a commercial motor vehicle a traffic violation in accordance with federal regulations. Judiciary

**S-2712A BACKGROUND CHECKS: FIREFIGHTER APPLICANTS** (Goodwin & Miller) This act would require all persons seeking employment as a firefighter to undergo a state and national criminal background check, at the applicant's expense, prior to being hired. The act would also require fingerprinting of the applicant, the records of which would be destroyed after completion of the background check. Judiciary

**S-2713 WEAPONS** (Lynch & Others) This act would restrict the possession or transportation of firearms at airports. Judiciary

**S-2719 SEIZURE OF WEAPONS: DOMESTIC ABUSE** (Goodwin & Others, by request) This act would authorize police officers to seize weapons from the scene of alleged instances of domestic abuse. The act would set forth provisions for the return of seized weapons depending on the resolution of the criminal proceeding, with notice to the victim of domestic assault. Judiciary

**S-2720 SEIZURE OF WEAPONS: RISK OF HARM** (Miller & Others, by request) This act would allow police officers to seize weapons, without a warrant, from individuals that they determine to pose a substantial risk of serious harm to themselves or others. This act would also provide for procedures for the review of the seizure by the superior court. Judiciary

**S-2724 WEAPONS: PERSONS PROHIBITED** (Miller & Others) This act would prohibit persons convicted of certain misdemeanor domestic offenses from purchasing, owning, carrying, transporting, or having in his or her possession any firearm, and would prohibit persons from carrying a rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or conveyance, except upon



his or her own property unless otherwise engaged in certain lawful activities proscribed by law. This act would also provide additional penalties for transferring a firearm to a minor, if that firearm is used in a crime of violence. Judiciary

**S-2751 CHILD SAFE ZONES** (Archambault & Others) This act would create child safe zones where sex offenders whose victim was a minor are prohibited from being employed. This act also prohibits a sex offender whose victim was a minor from owning or operating an entity that is a child safe zone. Judiciary

**S-2755 FIREARMS QUALIFICATION** (Archambault & Others) This act would require that correctional officers qualify to carry a pistol every two (2) years. Finance

**S-2775 WEAPONS** (Cool Rumsey & Others) This act would remove the term “habitual drunkard” from the list of those prohibited from possessing firearms.

**S-2814 CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS** (Miller & Others) This act would create a board within the executive department to hear appeals of the denial of applications to carry a concealed fire arm. Judiciary

**S-2815 CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING** (Jabour & Others) This act would require for Police Officer Commission on Standards and Training to establish mandatory training standards to provide instruction for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding to, handling, investigating and reporting all incidents involving any person requiring a higher level of mental health literacy. Judiciary

**S-2899 WEAPONS: ARSON INVESTIGATORS** (Goodwin) This act would permit Providence fire department arson investigators to carry firearms statewide. Judiciary

**S-2933 WEAPONS: SILENCERS** (Ciccone & Others) This act would exempt law enforcement and military officers, and "BB" guns and air rifles from the state prohibition against the sale of firearm silencers. Judiciary

**S-2976 COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY-POLICE RELATIONSHIP ACT** (Metts & Others) This act would have all police departments submit to the office of highway safety an annual report indicating what action has been taken to address any racial disparities in traffic stops and/or searches. This would begin on January 15, 2015 and for four (4) years following the commencement of data collection. Judiciary

**S-3095 NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would prohibit the sale of electronic nicotine delivery systems to persons under eighteen (18), and

would require a business selling, dealing or distributing an electronic nicotine delivery system to obtain a license from the department of health. Judiciary

## RETIREMENT

**H-7111 MEDICARE** (Ucci & Others) This act would provide that any municipality that requires a retiree to enroll in Medicare as a condition of receiving or continuing to receive retirement payments and health benefits, reimburse such retiree for any costs associated with enrolling or maintaining enrollment in Medicare. Municipal Government

**H-7122 LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would authorize the general treasurer to withhold state aid to municipalities which do not fully fund their annual required contribution to a locally administered pension plan and would direct the general treasurer to place the funds in an interest-bearing account until the municipality presents a plan for funding that is satisfactory to the general treasurer. In the event no such plan is prepared within one (1) year, the general treasurer is directed to deposit the withheld funds directly into the locally administered pension plan. The general treasurer is also directed to make annual reports on those withheld funds to the governor and the general assembly. Finance

**H-7212 MAYORAL ACADEMIES** (Fellela & Others) This act would add teachers' retirement pursuant to chapter 16-16 to the list of provisions that would be binding on mayoral academies. The act would also delete the provisions that permit administrators in mayoral academies to participate in the state teachers' retirement system. Finance

**H-8013 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Slater) This act would increase to 90 days or 180 half days the time a retired employee may work for a municipality each year without forfeiting pension benefits. Finance

**H-8035 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE PENSION: FORFEITURE** (Slater) This act would prevent any retired municipal employee convicted of any offense punishable by life in prison from collecting a public pension during his or her period of incarceration. Judiciary

**H-8237 RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS** (Carnevale) This act would provide that deputy sheriffs, capitol police officers, environmental police officers, juvenile program workers, shift coordinators, airport crash/rescue firefighters, airport police, and campus police officers employed by the state of Rhode Island or any Rhode Island quasi-public agency be granted retirement benefits equal to those given to the state police. Finance

**H-8151aa POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (DeSimone & Others) This act would allow retired state and municipal employees to continue receipt of their retirement benefits provided that their appointment is by the highest ranking elected municipal official

in a city or town placed under the control of a fiscal overseer, budget commission, receiver and/or financial advisor. Finance

**S-2451 RETIREMENT BENEFIT CAP** (Walaska & Ciccone) This act would cap the lifetime retirement benefits awarded to retired state and municipal employees, and retired teachers, to the highest salary level achieved by those groups during the three (3) year period immediately prior to the date of retirement. This act would apply to those individuals retiring on or after July 1, 2014. Finance

**S-2492 COMPENSATION BENEFITS** (McCaffrey) This act would exclude Medicare set aside allocations, specific compensation benefits or any benefits due pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement from offset of state death or disability benefits. Finance

**S-2757 PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREE GRIEVANCES** (Ciccone & Archambault) This act would allow retired police officers and firefighters to file a grievance with their respective union if a provision of the contract they retired under was violated and they were refused a retirement benefit. Labor

**S-2773A PENSION FORFEITURE** (Goodwin & Others) This act would prevent any retired municipal employee convicted of any offense punishable by life in prison from collecting a public pension during his or her period of incarceration. This act would also permit the retirement board to make certain exceptions for the financial needs of an innocent spouse, domestic partner, dependents and/or designated beneficiaries. Finance

## TOWN & CITY CLERKS

**H-7051 RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would add an affidavit of facts relating to title or interest in real estate to the list of those instruments eligible for recording. Judiciary

**H-7227 FORECLOSURE NOTICES** (Azzinaro & Others) This act would permit publication of foreclosure notices for properties in the counties of Bristol, Kent and Washington in newspapers published or distributed in those counties respectively. Judiciary

**H-7228 PROBATE HEARINGS** (Azzinaro & Others) This act would permit notices of probate hearings to be published in a newspaper published or distributed in the county in which the hearings are to be held. Judiciary

**H-7407 SALE OF PROPERTY: DECEDANT ESTATE** (Costantino) This act would provide that no person would conduct the sale of the property of a decedent's estate wherein such person would receive compensation for his or her services in conducting the sale, unless said person was a licensed auctioneer. This requirement would not apply to heirs of the decedent directly conducting such sales. Corporations

**H-7510A PROBATE: NOTICE TO PARTIES IN INTEREST** This act would eliminate and amend certain notice requirements to parties in interest in the probate of a will or letters of administration but in no way would limit the discretion of the court to order any notice it deems necessary and would make technical amendments to the probate court fees enumerated in this section. (Craven & Others) Judiciary

**H-7511 PROBATE PRACTICE-RULES OF DESCENT** (Craven & Others) This act would make several amendments to the statutes regarding rules of descent and would also provide for an elective share to the surviving spouse of a decedent domiciled in this state. Judiciary

**H-7515 VITAL RECORDS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would make technical amendments, removing an obsolete reference to the local or municipal registry of birth records, and update the statute since births are now reported electronically. Judiciary

**H-7530 RECORDING OF MORTGAGE INTEREST** (O'Grady & Others) This act would provide that all transfers of a mortgage interest be recorded so as to provide a clean chain of title for consumers to track the owner of their mortgage loans. This act would prohibit the recording of mortgages and assignments in the name of a party other than the holder of the note secured by the mortgage. This act would also render certain prior

recorded mortgages and assignments invalid unless certain steps were taken to bring the document into compliance with the act. Corporations

**H-7606 PROBATE JURISDICTION** (Lombardi & Others) This act would remove from the probate courts any jurisdiction over guardianship for undocumented, non-citizen minors under eighteen (18) years of age, and would transfer exclusive jurisdiction to the family court to address all matters dealing with undocumented persons under the age of eighteen (18) years. Judiciary

**H-7613 VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY** (Edwards & Others) This act would require mortgagees, upon filing notice of intent to foreclose against a mortgagor, to file a copy of that notice with the city or town municipal clerk, and appoint an agent for service of process within the state and would also require the mortgagee who initiated the proceeding to maintain the property. Judiciary

**H-7690 HOMESTEAD** (Jacquard) This act would add personal property an owner uses as a residence to property qualified as an estate of homestead and would further provide that nothing contained in a mortgage shall create, modify or terminate a homestead estate other than to subordinate it to the mortgage. This act would also prohibit a mortgage lender from requiring or recording a release of homestead in connection with a mortgage. Judiciary

**H-7700 ZONING BOARDS OF REVIEW** (DeSimone & Others) This act would require a board of review to hear and decide an appeal within forty-five (45) days of the date of the filing of the appeal and also require the board to render its decisions within seven (7) days and to record and file its decisions in the city or town clerk's office within fifteen (15) days of decision. Municipal Government

**H-8126 PROBATE: REOPENING OF ESTATES** (Craven & Others) This act would allow probate estates or administrations to be reopened without probate court approval for the distribution of newly discovered asset(s) of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less in the aggregate by executors or administrators and would provide a hearing for any objecting heir or beneficiary. Judiciary

**H-8369 PROBATE: APPEALS GENERALLY** (Keable) This act would remove the existing probate court appellate requirement that an appellant file with the superior court all relevant probate court filings, exhibits and transcripts. Judiciary

**S-2234 RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS** (Nesslebusch & Others) This act would add an affidavit of facts relating to title or interest in real estate to the list of those instruments eligible for recording. Judiciary

**S-2238aa PROBATE HEARINGS** (Algiere, by request) This act would permit notices of probate hearings to be published in a newspaper published or distributed in the county in which the hearings are to be held. Judiciary

**S-2272aa FORECLOSURE NOTICES** (Algiere & Cool Rumsey, by request) This act would permit publication of foreclosure notices for properties in the counties of Bristol, Kent and Washington in newspapers published or distributed in those counties respectively. Finance

**S-2283 GUARDIANSHIP** (Metts & Others) This act would require that guardians file Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and/or a living will within thirty (30) days of their appointment, and they are bound to carry out this document. Judiciary

**S-2547 NOTICE REQUIREMENTS** (McCaffrey) This act would eliminate and amend certain notice requirements to parties in interest in the probate of a will or letters of administration but in no way would limit the discretion of the court to order any notice it deems necessary. This act would also make technical amendments to the probate court fees enumerated in this section. Judiciary

**S-2548 ADULT GUARDIANSHIP AND PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would address the issue of jurisdiction over adult guardianships, conservatorships and other protective proceedings, providing a mechanism for resolving multi-state jurisdictional disputes with the goal that only one state will have jurisdiction at any one time. Judiciary

**S-2565 MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES** (Goodwin) This act would require that for every marriage license, an additional fee of forty-six dollars (\$46.00) shall be charged of which forty-four dollars (\$44.00) would go to the Rhode Island coalition against domestic violence. Judiciary

**S-2569 PROBATE: FILING OF APPEALS** (Lombardi & McCaffrey) This act would remove the existing probate court appellate requirement that an appellant file with the superior court all relevant probate court filings, exhibits and transcripts. Judiciary

**S-2621 PROBATE PRACTICE-RULES OF DESCENT** (McCaffrey) This act would make several amendments to the statutes regarding rules of descent and would also provide for an elective share to the surviving spouse of a decedent domiciled in this state. Judiciary

**S-2648 PROBATE: REOPENING OF ESTATES** (Jabour & Others) This act would allow probate estates or administrations to be reopened without probate court approval for the distribution of newly discovered asset(s) of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less in the

aggregate by executors or administrators and would provide a hearing for any objecting heir or beneficiary. Judiciary



## MISCELLANEOUS

**H-7038 HIGHWAYS** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would raise the maximum amount of financial assistance available from the road and bridge revolving fund from twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000). Finance

**H-7121 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Valencia & 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-7209 ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION** (Marshall & Others) This act would designate the entire state as an enterprise zone allowing all counties, cities and towns and political subdivisions thereof to access the benefits of the "Distressed Areas Economic Revitalization Act" for a period of five (5) years or until the state unemployment rate is equal to or less than the national unemployment rate, whichever occurs first. Finance

**H-7236 SENIOR SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would establish a community senior services grant program to provide financial assistance to municipalities and nonprofit organizations which operate senior centers and/or senior programs. Finance

**H-7247 HIGHWAYS** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would raise the maximum amount of financial assistance available from the road and bridge revolving fund from twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) to fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) and would also provide that any financial assistance be paid over a period of ten (10) years. Finance

**H-7280 CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES** (Costantino & Others) Joint resolution creating a special legislative commission to examine the consolidation of municipal and educational functions and/or statewide basis. Municipal Government

**H-7309 FOREIGN REGISTERED VEHICLES** (Casey & Others) This act would require law enforcement to report the presence of foreign-owned vehicles owned by Rhode Island residents to the tax assessor of the city or town in which the vehicle is located and to provide notice to the registered owner of the requirements of this section. Judiciary

**H-7325 HIGHWAYS** (Giarrusso & Others) This act would create a restricted receipt account for the maintenance of all state and local bridges, roads and highways funded by any and all motor vehicle licensing fees and surcharges set forth in title 31 to be administered by the department of transportation. Finance

**H-7427**     **HIGHWAYS** (Tomasso & Guthrie) Resolution requesting the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency to postpone awarding the monies from the municipal road and bridge revolving fund until November 5th of 2014, in order to permit those municipalities that require additional time due to confines of their city charters to also be eligible for this funding. Finance

**H-7432**     **BRIDGE FUND** (Edwards & Others) The act would establish the Rhode Island transportation infrastructure fund as a restricted receipt account within the Rhode Island intermodal surface transportation fund as an alternative method of funding transportation and bridge costs. Finance

**H-7468**     **OUTDOOR ADVERTISING** (Ucci) This act would permit the display of outdoor signs and devices with the appropriate state and municipal agency approval provided that such outdoor advertising conforms and is consistent with the municipal comprehensive plan and zoning requirements. Municipal Government

**H-7469**     **PRIVATIZATION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (Carnevale & Others) This act would establish a process governing the privatization of municipal service, including pre-closure analysis, cost comparison, and appeal procedure, analogous to present chapter 42-148 governing the privatization of state services. Municipal Government

**H-7507**     **SCOPE OF ORDINANCES** (Dickinson) This act would prohibit a municipality from establishing an ordinance which exceeds the authority of an existing state law and provide process for judicial relief for a violation thereof. Judiciary

**H-7533A**    **GOVERNMENT COMPUTERS: REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT** (Phillips & Others) This act would provide that the bureau of audits may conduct reviews and assessments of government computer systems and the security systems that safeguard the computer systems. This act would further provide that in the event the bureau of audits determines a system to be vulnerable or lacking such findings shall not be publicly disclosed or considered a public record. Corporations

**H-7537**     **PUBLIC UTILITIES** (Chippendale & Others) This act would require any public utility company providing services to eighty-five percent (85%) of the residents of any city or town to also make available said services to the remaining fifteen percent (15%). Corporations

**H-7569aa**   **BRIDGE TOLLS** (Edwards & Others) This act would extend the final date that the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority may impose a toll on the Sakonnet River Bridge not to exceed ten cents (\$0.10), from April 1, 2014 to May 15, 2014. Finance

**H-7623A** **PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would take effect on January 1, 2015 and would be effective for all contracts entered into on and after January 1, 2015 by the state or quasi-governmental agencies and/or public-purpose corporations created by the state. This act may be effective for all contracts entered into by any municipality on or after May 1, 2017.

**H-7773** **MUNICIPAL TORT LIABILITY** (Marcello) This act would restrict the tort liability of city, town or fire district employees or officials to those acts or omissions not performed within the scope of their employment or if actual fraud, malice or willful misconduct is involved. Judiciary

**H-7815** **MUNICIPAL TRAINING SEMINAR** (Morgan & Others) This act would establish a seminar program for state and municipal employees focusing on municipal issues, to be presented by the office of training and development within the department of administration. Finance

**H-7816** **MUNICIPAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM** (Morgan & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Municipal Performance Management Program which would be funded by the department of administration with the goal of improving the delivery of services in the government sector. The act would also require the funding of a scholarship program to accomplish the goals set forth in the act. Finance

**H-7820** **BEACH PARKING FEES** (Newberry & Others) This act would establish beach parking rates for the season commencing May 24, 2014, and thereafter. Finance

**H-8032** **TRAFFIC VIOLATION MONITORING SYSTEMS** (Ajello & Others) This act would eliminate July 1, 2013 as the cut-off date after which the state may not require cities or towns to make payments to the state for implementing automatic traffic violation monitoring systems. Finance

**H-8121** **PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES** (Chippendale) This act would mandate the Rhode Island public transit authority provide basic public transit services to all cities and towns except for the town of New Shoreham. Finance

**H-8133** **PARKING LOTS** (Edwards & Canario) This act would authorize municipalities to require parking lots to have a person on site during operational hours to accept cash payments. Municipal Government

**H-8135A** **REGULATORY REFORM** (Serpa & Others) This act would enable the office of regulatory reform to review state regulatory and permitting processes to develop maps, flow charts, and other visual processes to allow businesses to navigate the regulatory

process, improve efficiencies, eliminate redundant or obsolete requirements, identify arbitrary processes, promote outcome-based approaches, and bring uniformity to state requirements.

**S-2054**    **UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES** (Fogarty) This act would require public utilities to incur all costs incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of utility infrastructure such as public utility poles during public works projects within municipal rights-of-way. Commerce

**S-2060**    **PARKING FEES** (O’Neil & Others) This act would prohibit any closed beach under this section from charging parking fees. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2068**    **OFFICE OF 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-2177**    **WEIGHTS & MEASURES-FEES** (Kettle) This act would require that sealers appointed by the state and city or town sealers receive the same fees. Commerce

**S-2178A**    **PARKING LOTS** (Walaska & Others) This act would authorize municipalities, by ordinance, to require parking lots to have a person on site during operational hours to accept cash payments. Commerce

**S-2202**    **ALTERNATIVE FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE** (Miller & Others) This act would create tax incentives for the installation of alternative fuel facilities. Finance

**S-2233**    **SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS / TRANSLITERATORS** (Miller) This act would require a sign language or communication access real-time translation (CART) provider for many court proceedings. Judiciary

**S-2240**    **FOREIGN REGISTERED VEHICLES** (Picard & Cote) This act would require law enforcement to report the presence of foreign owned vehicles owned by Rhode Island residents to the tax assessor of the city or town in which the vehicle is located and to provide notice to the registered owner of the requirements of this section. Judiciary

**S-2290aa**    **PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS** (Miller & Others) This act would require that all bidders responding to an invitation to bid on a public works project an apprenticeship program, and that no less than fifteen percent (15%) of the project's labor hours be performed by apprentices in this program. Labor

**S-2314**     **PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION** (Lombardo & Others) This act would establish a plan for the gradual ban on the use of disposable plastic checkout bags by retail establishments the provisions of which would be enforceable by the local city or town police department or department or division designated by its chief executive officer. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2335A**   **TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND** (DiPalma & Others) The act would establish the Rhode Island transportation infrastructure fund as a restricted receipt account within the Rhode Island intermodal surface transportation fund. The act would provide further annual allocations to the transportation infrastructure fund from various sources. Finance

**S-2346**     **OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Cool Rumsey & 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-2469**   **GOVERNMENT COMPUTERS: REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT** (DiPalma & Others) This act would provide that the bureau of audits may conduct reviews and assessments of government computer systems and the security systems that safeguard the computer systems. This act would further provide that in the event the bureau of audits determines a system to be vulnerable or lacking, such findings shall not be publicly disclosed or considered a public record. Finance

**S-2496**   **BEACH PARKING FEES** (O'Neill & Others) This act would establish beach parking rates for the season commencing May 24, 2014, and thereafter. Finance

**S-2697A**   **BRIDGE TOLLS** (DiPalma & Others) This act would extend the final date that the Rhode Island turnpike and bridge authority may impose a toll on the Sakonnet River Bridge not to exceed ten cents (\$0.10), from April 1, 2014 to May 15, 2014. Finance

**S-2699**   **TRAFFIC VIOLATION MONITORING SYSTEMS** (Goodwin & Others) This act would eliminate July 1, 2013 as the cut-off date after which the state may not require cities or towns to make payments to the state for implementing automatic traffic violation monitoring systems. Finance

**S-2732**   **MUSEUM PROPERTY ACT** (Paiva Weed) This act would exclude the property of any agency or public body from the provisions of "The Rhode Island Museum Property Act." Special Legislation & Veterans' Affairs

**S-2858**    **REGULATORY REFORM** (Lynch & Others) This act would authorize the office of regulatory reform to review state and local regulatory and permitting processes and develop online maps, flow charts, and other visualizations of such processes designed to inform businesses of their responsibilities and obligations through each step of the regulatory process. Commerce

**S-2982A**    **PENSION FORFEITURE** (Goodwin) This act would provide that the superior court would have jurisdiction to review any decisions, appeals, or other proceedings initiated pursuant to any municipal ordinance providing for the revocation or reduction of the pension of any municipal employee upon conviction of a crime, or for other circumstances constituting dishonorable service as defined within said ordinances. Finance

**S-3012**    **RESOLUTION: BEACH PARKING FEES** (O'Neill) This resolution would create a five (5) member special legislative study commission whose purpose it would be to study the imposition, amount, collection and apportionment of access and parking fees at Rhode Island public beaches, and who would report back to the Senate no later than January 7, 2015, and whose life would expire on March 7, 2015. Consent Calendar

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## CHARLESTOWN

- [H-8152](#) Excavation-Permitting and Regulation  
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## COVENTRY

- [H-7169](#) Financial Town Meetings-Votes-Paper Ballots or Stand Up Votes Only  
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[H-8252](#) Bond Issuance-Infrastructure Repair-\$10,710,000  
[S-2800](#) Fire Districts-Establishment of Main Fire District  
[S-2923](#) Collection of Taxes-Liens on Mobile or Manufactured Homes  
[S-3027](#) Bond Issuance-Collection of Refuse and Recyclables-\$5,500,000



- [S-3042](#) Bond Issuance- Police Station-\$12,000,000
- [S-3043](#) Bond Issuance- Parks and Recreation Buildings and Facilities-\$80,000
- [S-3044](#) Bond Issuance-Infrastructure Repair-\$10,710,000
- [S-3045](#) Bond Issuance-Human Services Emergency Generator-\$80,000

### CRANSTON

- [H-8081](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Playgrounds & Athletic Fields-\$2,000,000
- [H-8087](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Library System-\$1,200,000
- [H-8107](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Schools & School Facilities-\$15,000,000
  
- [S-2340](#) Resolution Appropriating \$258,866 for the Career and Technical Center
- [S-2956](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Playgrounds & Athletic Fields-\$2,000,000
- [S-2957](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Library System-\$1,200,000
- [S-3028](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Schools & School Facilities-\$15,000,000

### CUMBERLAND

- [H-8341](#) Bond Issuance-Road Infrastructure Repair-\$2,500,000
- [H-8344](#) Bond Issuance-Public Safety Complex-\$12,500,000
  
- [S-3104](#) Bond Issuance-Public Safety Complex-\$12,500,000
- [S-3105](#) Bond Issuance-Road Infrastructure Repair and Rehabilitation-\$2,500,000

### EAST GREENWICH

- [H-8202](#) Bond Issuance-Rehabilitation of Roads, Sidewalks, Drainage-\$2,000,000
  
- [S-3026](#) Bond Issuance-Rehabilitation of Roads, Sidewalks, Drainage-\$2,000,000

### EAST PROVIDENCE

- [S-2322](#) Children with Disabilities- District Reimbursement for Education

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## JOHNSTON

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[H-2211](#) Resource Recovery Corporation-Annual Fee Required-\$6,000,000

[H-7627](#) Public Drinking Water Supply-Radio Frequency Reading Systems

[S-2865](#) Public Drinking Water Supply-Radio Frequency Reading Systems

## LINCOLN

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[H-8318](#) Town Departments-Establishment of Lincoln Water Commission

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[H-8317](#) Municipal Employee Pensions-Defined Contribution Plans

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## NARRAGANSETT

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[H-8043](#) Bond Issuance- Narragansett Athletic Complex-\$1,800,000

[S-2199](#) Bond Issuance-Public Safety Building Repair- \$2,000,000

[S-2958](#) Bond Issuance- Narragansett Athletic Complex-\$1,800,000

## NEWPORT

- [H-8208](#) Cruise Ship Fees-Landing & Embarking-\$1.00 Increase  
[H-8303](#) Bond Issuance-Municipal Facilities Improvements-\$6,000,000
- [S-2326](#) Landing/Embarking Fees-Cruise Ships and Passengers  
[S-3089](#) Bond Issuance-Municipal Facilities Improvements-\$6,000,000

## NORTH KINGSTOWN

- [H-7550](#) Bond Issuance-Sewers and Sewerage Systems-\$4,900,000  
[H-7551](#) Bond Issuance-Sewers and Sewerage Systems-\$6,600,000  
[H-8354](#) Naming of Bridges- Second Lieutenant Matthew Coutu Memorial Bridge
- [S-2291](#) Naming of Bridges- Second Lieutenant Matthew Coutu Memorial Bridge  
[S-2478](#) Bond Issuance-Sewers and Sewerage Systems-\$6,600,000  
[S-2487](#) Bond Issuance-Sewers and Sewerage Systems-\$4,900,000

## NORTH PROVIDENCE

- [H-7164A](#) Alcoholic Beverages-Retail Licenses-Certificate of Insurance Required  
[H-7915](#) Housing Courts-Certain Powers Expanded  
[H-7974aa](#) Charter Amendment-Municipal Official Revolving Door- Moratorium 2yrs  
[H-7975](#) Charter Amendment-Ordinances-Deferral of Action  
[H-7985](#) Charter Amendment-Purchasing Board  
[H-8165](#) Alcoholic Beverages-Retail Licenses-Class B
- [S-2254aa](#) Alcoholic Beverages-Retail Licenses-Certificate of Insurance Required  
[S-2806](#) Charter Amendment-Purchasing Board  
[S-2807aa](#) Charter Amendment-Ordinances-Deferral of Action  
[S-2885](#) Charter Amendment- Municipal Official Revolving Door- Moratorium 2yrs

## NORTH SMITHFIELD

- [H-7027A](#) Motor Vehicle Weight Restrictions  
[H-8089](#) Bond Issuance-Public/School Buildings & Road Improvement-\$12,000,000

- [H-8153A](#) Levy and Assessment of Taxes-Rankin Estates-Stabilization and Exemption
- [H-8233](#) Bond Issuance-Public Schools Building Improvements-\$4,300,000
- [H-8234](#) Bond Issuance-Rehabilitation & Repair of Municipal Buildings-\$5,200,000
- [H-8235](#) Bond Issuance-Rehabilitation & Repair of Road Infrastructure-\$2,500,000
  
- [S-2360](#) Motor Vehicle Weight Restrictions
- [S-2959](#) Bond Issuance-Public/School Buildings & Road Improvement-\$12,000,000
- [S-2999](#) Levy and Assessment of Taxes-Rankin Estates-Stabilization and Exemption
- [S-3023](#) Bond Issuance-Rehabilitation & Repair of Municipal Buildings-\$5,200,000
- [S-3024](#) Bond Issuance-Rehabilitation & Repair of Road Infrastructure-\$2,500,000
- [S-3025](#) Bond Issuance-Public Schools Building Improvements-\$4,300,000

### PAWTUCKET

- [H-7057](#) Property Tax Exemptions--One Thousand and One United, Inc
- [H-7250aa](#) Bond Issuance-Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund-\$3,500,000
- [H-7358](#) Sewer Facility Ownership and Maintenance-Narragansett Bay Commission
- [H-7359](#) State Roads-Lighting Maintenance and Equipment
- [H-8082](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Public Recreation Facilities-\$1,200,000
- [H-8083](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Sewer & Sanitation Systems-\$300,000
- [H-8090](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of School & School Facilities-\$32,000,000
- [H-8091](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Streets & Sidewalks-\$15,000,000
- [H-8092](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Bridges-\$200,000
- [H-8093](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Public Buildings-\$2,600,000
- [H-8094](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Streets & Sidewalks-\$1,200,000
- [H-8095](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Traffic Control Devices-\$500,000
- [H-8222A](#) Motor Vehicle Weight Restrictions-Ten Mile River Bridge-4 Tons
  
- [S-2268](#) Bond Issuance-Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund-\$3,500,000
- [S-2336](#) State Roads-Lighting Maintenance and Equipment
- [S-2361](#) Sewer Facility Ownership and Maintenance-Narragansett Bay Commission
- [S-2960](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Streets & Sidewalks-\$15,000,000
- [S-2961](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of School & School Facilities-\$32,000,000
- [S-2962](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Streets & Sidewalks-\$1,200,000
- [S-2963](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Sewer & Sanitation Systems-\$300,000
- [S-2964](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Public Buildings-\$2,600,000
- [S-2965](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Public Recreation Facilities-\$1,200,000
- [S-2966](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Traffic Control Devices-\$500,000
- [S-2967](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Bridges-\$200,000
- [S-3047](#) Motor Vehicle Weight Restrictions-Ten Mile River Bridge-4 Tons

## PORTSMOUTH

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[H-7549](#) Medical Marijuana-Municipal Sales Tax-3%

[S-2343](#) Enterprise Zone Designation-Additional Census Block Group

## PROVIDENCE

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[H-7032](#) Alcoholic Beverages-Retail Licenses-Additional Class B License  
[H-7549](#) Medical Marijuana-Municipal Sales Tax-3%  
[H-7915](#) Housing Courts-Certain Powers Expanded  
[H-8342](#) Bond Issuance-Rehabilitation/Repair of Public School Facilities-\$10,000,000

[S-2116A](#) Alcoholic Beverages-Class E Licenses  
[S-2316](#) Cooperative Housing Corporations-Assessment Formula  
[S-3017](#) State Highways-Designation of Certain Roads  
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[H-7771](#) Ordinances-Registration of Local Businesses  
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[S-2229](#) Ordinances-Registration of Local Businesses  
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## SMITHFIELD

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- [H-7479](#) Alcoholic Beverages-Retail Licenses-Exemptions
- [H-7757](#) Public Schools-Maintenance of Grounds and Fields
- [H-7813](#) Bond Issuance-Police Station-\$6,400,000
- [H-7976](#) Consolidation of Water Districts
- [H-8080](#) Alcoholic Beverages-Class B Licenses-Issuance
- [H-8261](#) Bond Issuance-School Facilities Improvements-\$5,900,000
  
- [S-2744](#) Bond Issuance-Police Station-\$6,400,000
- [S-2749](#) Municipal Tax Liens-Business Regulation Certificate Required
- [S-2870](#) Tax Exemptions-War Veterans-\$4,000
- [S-2879](#) Motor Vehicle Weight Restrictions-Route 116
- [S-2892](#) Alcoholic Beverages-Retail License Assessment Map- B, C, and I Licenses

## SOUTH KINGSTOWN

- [H-8167](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Schools-\$4,000,000
- [H-8168](#) Bond Issuance-Construction of Community Recreation Center-\$1,000,000
  
- [S-3001](#) Bond Issuance-Improvement of Schools-\$4,000,000
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## TIVERTON

- [H-7039](#) Education Aid-School Housing Aid-Ratio Floor
- [H-7801](#) Tiverton Wastewater District
  
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## WARREN

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## WARWICK

- [H-2142](#) Veterans Exemption Increase-\$4,000
- [H-7549](#) Medical Marijuana-Municipal Sales Tax- 3%
- [H-7630](#) Ordinances-Dogs-Spaying & Neutering of Certain Breeds
- [H-7821](#) Naming of Recreational Facilities- Dr. Kathleen Hittner Sports Complex
- [H-8267](#) Charter Amendment-Term Limits for City Officials-4 Years
- [H-8283](#) Sewer Authority-Various Revisions
- [H-8351](#) Veterans Exemption Increase-\$4,000

- [S-2064](#) Enterprise Zones-Pontiac Mills
- [S-2733](#) Naming of Recreational Facilities- Dr. Kathleen Hittner Sports Complex
- [S-3068](#) Sewer Authority-Various Revisions

## WEST GREENWICH

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## WEST WARWICK

- [H-7036](#) Bond Issuance-School Housing Projects-\$6,400,000
- [H-7141](#) Economic Development Tax Credit-MED Zones
- [H-8324](#) Mayoral Academies/Charter School Requirements-5 Year Moratorium

- [S-2126A](#) Bond Issuance-School Facility improvements-\$6,400,000
- [S-3107](#) Mayoral Academies/Charter School Requirements-5 Year Moratorium

## WOONSOCKET

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- [H-7352](#) Economic Development Zones –Citywide Authorization
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