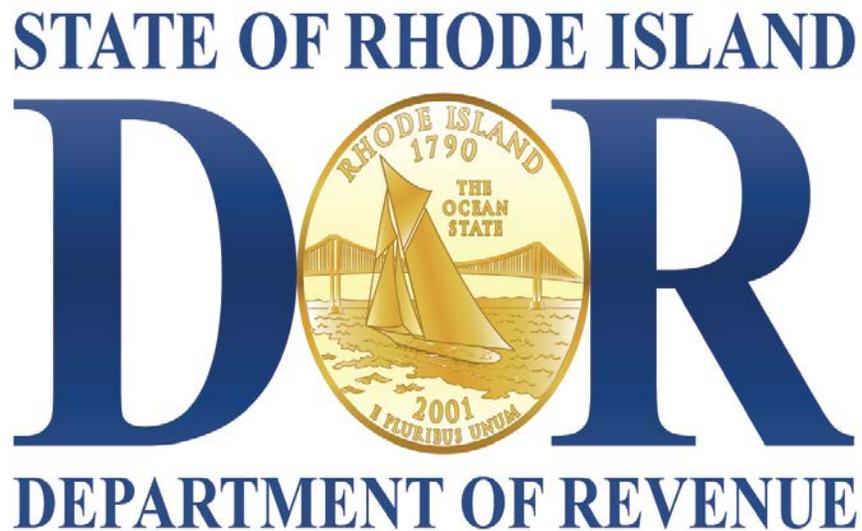


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## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**H-7241**      **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*

**S-2024**      **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-2758**      **STATE FIRE CODE** (*Pearson*) This act would make several updates to the state fire code and its reference to the term and adoption of portions of the national fire codes. *Housing & Municipal Government*

## **EDUCATION & SCHOOLS**

**H-7049**      **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION** (McNamara & Others) This act would permit children under eighteen (18) years of age who are attending career and technical education centers to participate in career and technical internships or teacher supervised job site training programs at or through said education center, provided that the students are deemed to have the necessary educational background, experience and maturity. H.E.W.

**H-7050A**      **SPECIAL EDUCATION** (Azzinaro & Others) This act would provide that where a child with a disability is enrolled in a post-secondary or transitional education program as part of the services provided to the child by the school committee or local educational agency, and such child reaches age 21 during a school or program year, then the school committee or LEA would pay for such child's schooling through to the conclusion of the school or program's academic year. H.E.W.

**H-7051A**      **APPROVAL OF CHARTER SCHOOLS** (Serpa & Others) This act would require local written support, in the form of an ordinance granted by a town or city council of a sending district, for a proposed network charter school, and would require the council on elementary and secondary education to place substantial weight on the impact of the sending districts when considering a proposed charter or expansion of a charter. H.E.W.

**H-7052**      **LITERACY PROGRAMS** (O'Brien & Others) This act would add dyslexia-targeted assistance as a required aspect of the literacy program for students at the elementary grade level. H.E.W.

**H-7053**      **DYSLEXIA-DEFINITIONS & FINDINGS** (Lombardi & Others) This act would make certain findings about dyslexia and would establish a definition of "dyslexia". This act would also direct the council on elementary and secondary education to promulgate rules and regulations to incorporate this definition and findings. H.E.W.

**H-7054**      **SCREENING FOR READING DISABILITIES** (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. This act would take effect upon passage and would be implemented at the commencement of the 2016-2017 school year. H.E.W.

**H-7055**      **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING** (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-7056aa**      **STUDENT DISCIPLINE/SUSPENSION** (Diaz & Others) This act would direct all school superintendents to review discipline data for their school district, to decide whether there is an unequal impact on students based on race, ethnicity, or disability status, and to respond to any disparity. Every school district would submit a report to the council on elementary and secondary education describing any action taken on the disparity. All such reports shall be public records. Also, student suspensions would not be served out of school unless the student's conduct meets certain standards or the student represents a demonstrable threat to students, teachers or administrators. H.E.W.

**H-7057**      **STUDENT DISCIPLINE/SUSPENSIONS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would direct all school superintendents to review discipline data for their school district, to determine whether there is an unequal impact on students based on race, ethnicity, or disability status, and to respond to any disparity. Every school district would submit a report to the council on elementary and secondary education describing any action taken on the disparity. All such reports would be deemed public records. This act would also provide that student suspensions would not be served out of school unless the student's conduct meets certain standards. H.E.W.

**H-7058**      **TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS** (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-7066**      **CHARTER SCHOOL APPROVALS** (O'Grady & Others) This act would require the council on elementary and secondary education, prior to granting approval for either a new charter school, mayoral academy, or the expansion of an existing charter school, mayoral academy, to first make an affirmative finding that the proposed school or the proposed expansion would not have a detrimental effect on the finances and/or the academic performance of the sending districts affected by the new school or the expansion. Finance

**H-7067**      **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Barros & Others) This act would eliminate a city or town's financial obligation to contribute to their resident students who enroll in charter schools, William M. Davies, Jr. Career and Technical High School or the Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center. Finance

**H-7131**      **STATE ASSESSMENTS/IMPLEMENTATION & DEVELOPMENT** (McNamara & Others) This act would amend the implementation of state assessments of students in Rhode Island public schools. The act would direct the department of elementary and secondary education to develop its own state assessment for use in public schools beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. School districts would also be given the option to develop their own assessments to use in lieu of the department's assessment, but such assessments would need to be approved by the council on elementary and secondary education. PARCC testing would be phased out of use for grades 11 and 12, and instead other assessments such as the SAT would be used. The department of elementary and secondary education would be directed to apply for any waivers necessary as a result of the provisions of the Rhode Island Board of Education Act. H.E.W.

**H-7155**      **SCHOOL BUSES** (Nardolillo & Others) This act would require that all new school buses purchased or leased for use in the state be equipped with seat belt assemblies for each passenger and operator seat, would require safety belt use by the school bus operator and each passenger, and would require each school district to adopt an implementation plan, including, but not limited to, evacuation drills. H.E.W.

**H-7275A**      **DEFIBRILLATORS** (Malik & Others) This act would require all high and middle schools to have functional automated external defibrillators (AEDs), in an amount to be determined by the commissioner of education, on site for daily use, for school sponsored activities and athletic events, for use in emergencies. These AEDs would be accessible to staff. Someone trained in the use of the AED would be present at each event. H.E.W.

**H-7297**      **PARENTAL ACCESS TO INFORMATION** (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. The act would also prevent the collection and storage of personally identifiable data and personal data. H.E.W.

**H-7298**      **EVACUATION DRILLS** (MacBeth & Other) This act would permit school building principals to delay holding fire and emergency egress evacuation drills in the months of December, January, and February due to severe inclement weather. In the event a month passes by, and because of weather no drills are held for that month, the drill would need to be made up within a reasonable amount of time thereafter when weather permits. H.E.W.

**H-7359**      **RELOCATION OF BUS STOPS** (Nardolillo & Others) This act would direct school committees to relocate any school bus stop situated within two hundred fifty feet (250') of the residence of any Level III sex offender. H.E.W.

**H-7426**      **FULL-TIME PRESCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM** (McNamara & Others) The act would establish the Rhode Island Education Equity Act. The act would authorize the Rhode Island department of elementary and secondary education to develop a research-based model full-time preschool pilot program for children age three (3) years of age and under that would focus on low income families and children that are English language learners. The purpose of this program would be to eliminate the education achievement gap that currently exists for this population upon entering kindergarten. H.E.W.

**H-7439**      **STATE REIMBURSEMENT-STUDENTS IN GROUP HOMES** (Tanzi & Others) This act would require the state to pay for the education of students placed in group homes outside of their municipality. Finance

**H-7449**      **AT-HOME INSTRUCTION-DUAL ENROLLMENT** (Roberts & Others) This act would extend the benefits of the dual enrollment equal opportunity act to cover students who participate in at-home instruction. H.E.W.

**H-7487**      **UNHEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE ADVERTISING** (McNamara & Others) This act would prohibit on any school campus the advertising of any food or beverage that may not be sold on the school campus during the school day or of any corporate brand, unless every food and beverage product manufactured, sold, or distributed under the corporate brand name can be served or sold on the school campus during the school day. H.E.W.

**H-7488A**      **CURRICULUM-HOLOCAUST/GENOCIDE EDUCATION** (Kazarian & Others) This act would require the inclusion of instruction on holocaust and genocide studies in the curriculum for all middle and high school students. H.E.W.

**H-7516aa**      **CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE** (Hull & Others) This act would require posting in every public school of a sign providing the telephone number of the child abuse hotline. H.E.W

**H-7517**      **CURRICULUM-FINANCIAL LITERACY** (Trillo & Costa) This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education, pursuant to rules promulgated by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, to develop curricular material on financial literacy. H.E.W.

**H-7519**      **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS** (Kazarian & Others) This act would create a process for the department of education collection and organization of information concerning the workload and scope of the duties and responsibility performed by school social workers. H.E.W.

**H-7557**      **DISTRICT-CHARTER COMPACTS** (Tobon & Others) This act would establish district-charter compacts between charter schools and traditional public schools and would establish a compact fund to be supported by appropriations from the general assembly as well as grants, gifts and bequests. Any such funds would be placed in the general fund unless specifically restricted for use by the district-charter for school benefit. Any such restriction would have to be approved in advance by the general treasurer and the director of administration. This act would encourage public school committees to work and cooperate with charter schools in solving common problems. Finance

**H-7580**      **ASSESSMENTS-REPORTING REQUIREMENTS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would establish a mandatory reporting requirement for all students in grades K-12 for any assessments administered, along with specifics which must be included in the report. It also requires annual reports from schools commencing on July 1, 2017 as to all assessments administered by September 1, 2017, 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-7582**      **STUDENT ONLINE PERSONAL INFORMATION** (Hearn & Others) This act would create the "Student Online Personal Information Protection Act" the purpose of which would be, to protect K-12 students personal information from operators internet services which are provided to schools grades K-12 by requiring that the use of any information gathered about the student in K-12 be used for educational purposes only. H.E.W.

**H-7583A**      **INTERNET FILTERING POLICIES** (Handy & Others) This act would mandate that each school district adopt the model written policy developed by the department of education that addresses the use of internet filtering measures for computer access in schools. The Rhode Island department of education would be required to develop and post this model written policy for use by all school districts including state schools, charter schools and mayoral academies consistent with federal law contained on the department's website. H.E.W.

**H-7584**      **HOME SCHOOLING-DUAL ENROLLMENT** (Price & Others) This act would extend the benefits of the dual enrollment equal opportunity act to cover home-schooled students. H.E.W.

**H-7636A**      **CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS** (Carson & Others). This act would require persons who volunteer with youth serving agencies to get criminal records checks as well as those whose work involves routine contact with children without the presence of other employees. H.E.W.

**H-7640**      **JOINT RESOLUTION-RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION** (Messier & Others) This amendment to the constitution of the state, if approved, would provide that it would be the paramount duty of the general assembly, the department of education, and other government agencies to provide Rhode Island residents with equal opportunities to receive an education that is adequate to permit residents to achieve at high levels, effective January 1, 2017. The amendment would also provide for judicial enforcement of this provision. H.E.W.

**H-7641**      **CURRICULUM-HOLOCAUST/GENOCIDE EDUCATION** (Ackerman & Others) This act would require all high schools in this state to include in their curriculum instruction on the genocide known as the Holocaust and other genocides. This act would take effect upon passage would apply to all school years commencing on and after July 1, 2017. H.E.W.

**H-7644Aaa**      **CURRICULUM-FREE PLAY RECESS** (Fogarty & Others) This at would require public schools to provide students in grades kindergarten through five (5) with at least twenty (20) minutes of free-play recess each school day. H.E.W.

**H-7657**      **HEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGES** (Palangio & Regunberg) This act would modify the types of healthy foods and beverages that could be sold to students in schools during the school day by referencing the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Career and technical schools with culinary arts or food service programs would be permitted to request an exemption that would allow the sale of non-compliant snacks and beverages to students in school if such food was prepared by culinary students as part of their curriculum. The act would also repeal the current definitions of healthier beverages and snacks. H.E.W.

**H-7658**      **BOARD OF REGENTS-POWERS/DUTIES** (Fogarty & Others) This act would require that the council of elementary and secondary education take into consideration the time and cost of transporting students and other programs that impact the education of students. H.E.W.

**H-7660**      **CURRICULUM-FINANCIAL LITERACY** (Reilly & Others) This act would require the department of education to incorporate financial literacy education in the high school education program. H.E.W.

**H-7661**      **CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS –FIRST AID** (Giarusso & Others) This act would require that teachers be certified in the use of first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator (AED) use prior to teacher certification, with exceptions for those who are disabled and those employed in a school which lacks an AED device. H.E.W.

**H-7675**      **PROTECTION OF STUDENT PRIVACY** (Kennedy & Others) This act would establish certain student privacy rights in regard to take-home technology devices from school. The act would limit the ability of school officials to monitor and search a student's take-home technology device and would establish the process and criteria which school officials must follow to access a student's take-home technology device. Judiciary

**H-7747**      **REIMBURSEMENT FOR STUDENTS IN GROUP HOMES/RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES** (Fogarty) This act would require the department of education and the DCYF to develop a procedure to ensure that the municipalities where group homes or other residential facilities are located are reimbursed for the educational expenses above the cost allocated. Finance

**H-7756**      **PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED** (Naughton & Others) This act would require that Interscholastic League Athletes and youth sports athletes who are female and 19 years of age or younger and who play certain softball positions wear protective face masks during practice and at games.

**H-7757**      **SPECIAL EDUCATION** (O'Brien & Others) This act would allow parents or guardians sufficient access to observe their child's special education program in order to assess the child's performance in a current program. H.E.W.

**H-7758**      **CURRICULUM-SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION** (O'Brien & Others) This act would require the incorporation of substance abuse education, provided by licensed chemical dependency professionals, into the health education curriculum. H.E.W.

**H-7772**      **RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOLS-TRANSFER OF AID** (McNamara & Others) This act would remove school district approval from the enrollment process for recovery high school students and would require the transfer of the per pupil core instructional amount. The act would also require the state to annually provide no less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to each recovery high school. Finance

**H-7781**      **TEACHER CERTIFICATION** (Malik) *This act would amend certain sections of the education law to reference the new council on elementary and secondary education, and would make provisions to allow for certification as teachers, military personnel, and their spouses who are certified in another state. Veterans Affairs*

**H-7845A**      **COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE** (O'Brien & Others) *This act would broaden the law on compulsory school attendance so that it would apply to all children enrolled in kindergarten. H.E.W.*

**H-7978A**      **INSTRUCTION FOR THE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING** (Handy & Others) *This act would direct that the Rhode Island department of elementary and secondary education ensure that appropriate language assessments and standardized norms are used for the purpose of monitoring and tracking language developmental milestones in both expressive and receptive language acquisition and developmental stages toward American Sign Language (ASL) and English literacy for all deaf and hard of hearing children. H.E.W.*

**H-8005**      **BUS TRANSPORTATION-REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS** (McLaughlin & Others) *This act would allow school districts to maintain an annual registry for students requiring bus transportation to school. The purpose of this registration would be to assist each district's bus transportation plan to be more cost-efficient. H.E.W.*

**H-8027**      **CURRICULUM-COMPUTER SCIENCE** (Lombardi & Others) *This act would direct the council on elementary and secondary education to develop recommendations on a high school curriculum to prepare students for successful postsecondary education and careers in computer science. The act would also direct the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to consider the council's recommendations and develop academic standards for a computer science high school curriculum. The courses in the computer science curriculum should, to the extent academically feasible, enable a student to utilize computer science courses to meet foreign language, mathematics, and science admission requirements at the state's colleges and universities. H.E.W.*

**H-8080**      **SCHOOL CLOSINGS** (McEntee & Tanzi) *This act would grant to each individual municipal school department the power to determine whether their schools would be open on a particular scheduled election day. Judiciary*

**H-8082**      **SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS' TRAINING** (Canario & Others) *This act would require that school bus drivers' annual training include the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's school bus driver in-service training series. H.E.W.*

**H-8113**      **PUBLIC PREPARATORY ACADEMIES** (Barros & Others) *This act would authorize the cities of Providence and Central Falls to create an alternative academy for students having difficulty in traditional public school settings. H.E.W.*

**H-8116**      **DUAL ENROLLMENT** (McEntee & Craven) *This act would provide for an appropriation of funds to any dual enrollment student to offset a portion of the expenses incurred by said student relating to transportation, textbooks, curriculum/instruction support and shared costs of the education and fees imposed by the Rhode Island board of education for the 2016-2017 school year and annually thereafter. Finance*

**H-8142**      **STUDY COMMISSION-EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA AND/OR READING DISABILITIES** (Naughton & Others) This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the special house commission to assess and make recommendations on the educational needs of children with Dyslexia and/or reading disabilities from February 29, 2016, to February 28, 2017, and said commission would expire on May 28, 2017.

**H-8150**      **DUAL ENROLLMENT-DISTRICT COST** (McEntee & Craven) This act would provide that school districts would not be responsible to pay the costs associated with a student's attendance at a post-secondary institution pursuant to a dual enrollment program. Finance

**H-8178**      **BILITERACY SEAL** (Tanzi & Others) This act would establish a state seal of biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. H.E.W.

**H-8268A**      **BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION – AUTHORITY/STATE AID** (McNamara & Others) This act would increase the authority of the board of trustees on career and technical education over allocation of education funds for career and technical education schools while increasing aid to those schools which the board has assumed care, management and responsibility of under state law. H.E.W.

**H-8308A**      **UNIFIED STATEWIDE EDUCATION STUDY** (Amore) This act would authorize the expenditure of funds to conduct a comprehensive study on a unified approach to statewide education. Finance

**H-8328**      **EPINEPHRINE INJECTORS** (McKiernan & Others) This act would provide that a school department could permit each school within their jurisdiction to maintain epinephrine in cartridge injections for the purpose of administration on an emergency basis to students in accordance with the school department's conditions and procedures. H.E.W

**S-2016**      **BUS MONITORS** (Picard) This act would give the school committee discretion to utilize, authorize, or employ school bus monitors. It would also remove the requirement that bus monitors be on certain school buses in addition to the driver. Education

**S-2018**      **VIRTUAL EDUCATION PLANS** (Picard) This act would establish a process by which a virtual education plan may be established and used by school districts during inclement weather which would count as a school day, provided that the plan is approved by the council on elementary and secondary education. Education

**S-2019**      **CHARTER SCHOOL APPROVALS** (Satchell & Others) This act would provide that the creation of a new charter public school or the expansion of an existing charter public school would require approval from the city or town council of each sending school district. Any charter public school seeking to expand up to and including its maximum capacity as set forth in the school's original application which had been approved prior to the effective date of this act would not be limited or prohibited. This act also does not prohibit any expansion of an existing charter public school which expansion was already completely approved by the council on elementary and secondary education or its predecessor prior to the effective date of this act. Education

**S-2021**      **BUDGET COMMISSIONS-COMPOSITION** (Picard) This act would require the selection of one member of a budget commission by the Rhode Island department of education whenever a school system is

*involved and would exempt from removal the school superintendent and certain responsibilities of the school committee and superintendent from the commission's powers. Education*

**S-2022**      **COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE-KINDERGARTEN** (Picard) *This act would broaden the law on compulsory school attendance so that it would apply to all children enrolled in kindergarten. Education*

**S-2089**      **CURRICULUM-MEDIA LITERACY** (Satchell & Others) *This act would require the department of education to consider incorporating media literacy education in the basic education program. Education*

**S-2090**      **DEMOGRAPHIC REPORTING** (Picard) *This act would create the "All Students Count Act of 2016" and would require the department of elementary and secondary education to use separate collection categories and tabulations for specified Asian ethnic groups in every demographic report on ancestry or ethnic origins of residents. Education*

**S-2091**      **CONCUSSION TRAINING** (Lombardi & Others) *This act would refine the law on guidelines for concussions at school and youth programs so that an adult trained in recognizing the symptoms of a concussion is required to be present during all events. Education*

**S-2168A**      **STUDENT DISCIPLINE/SUSPENSIONS** (Pichardo & Others) *This act would direct all school superintendents to review discipline data for their school district, to decide whether there is an unequal impact on students based on race, ethnicity, or disability status, and to respond to any disparity. Every school district would submit a report to the council on elementary and secondary education describing any action taken on the disparity. All such reports shall be public records. Also, student suspensions would not be served out of school unless the student's conduct meets certain standards or the student represents a demonstrable threat to students, teachers or administrators. Education*

**S-2169A**      **SENATE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STEM DEGREES AND PROGRAMS** (Gallo & Others) *This resolution would incentivize the creation and expansion of STEM/STEAM in all Rhode Island elementary and secondary schools, including a guided pathway into certificate and degree programs at public institutions of higher education to prepare students for jobs in the green economy. Education*

**S-2170A**      **EPINEPHRINE INJECTORS** (Felag & Others) *This act would provide that a school department could permit each school within their jurisdiction to maintain epinephrine in cartridge injections for the purpose of administration on an emergency basis to students in accordance with the school department's conditions and procedures. Education*

**S-2171**      **PROTECTION OF STUDENT PRIVACY** (Satchell & Others) *This act would establish certain student privacy rights in regard to take-home technology devices from school. The act would limit the ability of school officials to monitor and search a student's take-home technology device and would establish the process and criteria which school officials must follow to access a student's take-home technology device. Education*

**S-2172A**      **INTERNET FILTERING POLICIES** (Satchell & Others) *This act would mandate that each school district adopt the model written policy developed by the department of education that addresses the use of internet filtering measures for computer access in schools. The Rhode Island department of education would be required to develop and post this model written policy for use by all school districts including state schools, charter schools and mayoral academies consistent with federal law contained on the department's website. Education*

**S-2253**      **SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING** (Metts & Others) This act would require that school bus drivers' annual training include the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's school bus driver in-service training series. Judiciary

**S-2256**      **SCHOOL BUSES** (Satchell & Others) This act would require that all new school buses purchased or leased for use in the state be equipped with seat belt assemblies for each passenger and operator seat, would require safety belt use by the school bus operator and each passenger, and would require each school district to adopt an implementation plan, including, but not limited to, evacuation drills. Judiciary

**S-2263**      **SCHOOL CLOSINGS-GENERAL ELECTIONS** (Gee & Others) This act would grant to each individual municipal school department the power to determine whether their schools would be open on a particular scheduled election day. Education

**S-2264**      **SCHOOL CLOSINGS-COLUMBUS DAY** (Gee & Others) This act would allow municipal schools to be open on Columbus Day if their school department so decides. Education

**S-2265**      **CARDIAC ARREST AWARENESS & PREVENTION** (Felag & DiPalma) This act would address the potential for sudden cardiac arrest among student athletes by raising awareness of the symptoms and requiring medical evaluations. Education

**S-2292**      **IMMUNIZATIONS-AUTHORITY** (Raptakis & Others) This act would make several changes to the department of health's authority to mandate certain vaccinations, would reinstate the philosophical exemption to vaccinations, and would require public hearings when changes to required vaccinations are proposed. Health & Human Services

**S-2295**      **IMMUNIZATIONS-STANDARDS** (Morgan & Kettle) This act would preclude the department of health from requiring immunization for diseases which are not transmittable in a school environment or from mandating human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination as a precondition for school attendance. It would further require the director of the department of health to hold at least three (3) public hearings on any proposed changes to the minimum standards for immunization. Health & Human Services

**S-2336**      **PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED** (Algieri & Others) This act would require that Interscholastic League Athletes and youth sports athletes who are female and 19 years of age or younger and who play certain softball positions wear protective face masks during practice and at games. Education

**S-2337**      **DYSLEXIA TARGETED ASSISTANCE** (Lombardi & Others) This act would add dyslexia-targeted assistance as a required aspect of the literacy program for students at the elementary grade level. Education

**S-2338**      **READING 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. This act would take effect upon passage and would be implemented at the commencement of the 2016-2017 school year. Education

**S-2339**      **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS** (Satchell & Others) This act would create a process for the department of education collection and organization of information concerning the workload and scope of the duties and responsibility performed by school social workers. Education

**S-2340**      **CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS** (Lombardi & Others) This act would permit parents and experts retained by parents to observe the behavior of a special needs child in the classroom for the purpose of evaluating the child's needs and progress. Education

**S-2368aa**      **CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE** (Doyle & Others) This act would require posting in every public school of a sign providing the telephone number of the child abuse hotline. Judiciary

**S-2390**      **CURRICULUM-FINANCIAL LITERACY** (O'Neill & Others) This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education, pursuant to rules promulgated by the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, to develop curricular material on financial literacy. Education

**S-2391A**      **SPECIAL EDUCATION** (DaPonte & Others) This act would provide that where a child with a disability is enrolled in a post-secondary or transitional education program as part of the services provided to the child by the school committee or local educational agency, and such child reaches age 21 during a school or program year, then the school committee or LEA would pay for such child's schooling through to the conclusion of the school or program's academic year. Education

**S-2394**      **CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS** (Felag & Others) This act would amend certain sections of the education law to reference the new council on elementary and secondary education, and would make provisions to allow for certification as teachers, military personnel, and their spouses who are certified in another state. Education

**S-2395**      **SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENT SYSTEMS** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would require school districts, on an annual basis, make public and furnish to the department of education a comprehensive assessment matrix detailing and summarizing the district's assessment system. Education

**S-2396A**      **CURRICULUM-HOLOCAUST/GENOCIDE EDUCATION** (Goldin & Others) This act would require the inclusion of instruction on holocaust and genocide studies in the curriculum for all middle and high school students. Education

**S-2397**      **RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION** (Picard) This amendment to the constitution of the state, if approved, would provide that it would be the paramount duty of the general assembly, the department of education, and other government agencies to provide Rhode Island residents with equal opportunities to receive an education that is adequate to permit residents to achieve at high levels, effective January 1, 2017. The amendment would also provide for judicial enforcement of this provision. Education

**S-2398**      **CHOICE IN EDUCATION-VOUCHER PROGRAM** (Cote & Others) This act would provide parents of K-12 students in Rhode Island with an opportunity to enroll their child in an educational program of their choosing, either via open enrollment in a traditional public school in their own district or any other public school district, or by receiving a scholarship, with designated public monies to follow the student to a participating private school or private curriculum program selected by the parent. The program would begin August 1, 2016. Education

**S-2414**      **OPEN MEETINGS-SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDAS** (Pagliarini) This act would allow school committees to add items to their agenda by majority vote. The act would also conform the notice provision of the section with previous statutory changes, whereby school committees are no longer required to publish their agenda in a newspaper. Judiciary

**S-2455**      **DUAL ENROLLMENT-COST OF ATTENDANCE** (Gee & Others) This act would provide that school districts would not be responsible to pay the costs associated with a student's attendance at a post-secondary institution pursuant to a dual enrollment program. Education

**S-2494A**      **DEFIBRILLATORS** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would require all high and middle schools to have functional automated external defibrillators (AEDs), in an amount to be determined by the commissioner of education, on site for daily use, for school sponsored activities and athletic events, for use in emergencies. These AEDs would be accessible to staff. Someone trained in the use of the AED would be present at each event. Education

**S-2495A**      **CHILD OPPORTUNITY ZONES-REPORTING** (Picard & Others) This act would define and declare the purpose of child opportunity zones and would provide for annual reporting from the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to the general assembly on each zone. Education

**S-2525**      **OUTDOOR RECESS** (Pearson & Lombardo) This act would prohibit outdoor school recess when temperatures fall below thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit (32°F)/zero degrees Celsius (0°C). Education

**S-2554**      **ACHIEVEMENT GAPS** (Metts & Others) This act would require the board of education to adopt a state goal of closing the achievement gaps in third grade reading and math. Education

**S-2571**      **EVACUATION DRILLS** (DiPalma & Others) This act would make changes in the scheduling of required school fire drills, and require that they be conducted with the emphasis on order rather than speed. Education

**S-2572aa**      **STUDENTS IN STATE CARE** (DiPalma & Others) This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education to promulgate rules and regulations regarding graduation requirements for public school students fourteen (14) years of age or older who are under the care and control of the state. Education

**S-2604A**      **CURRICULUM-SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION** (Satchell & Others) This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education to consider incorporating substance abuse education into the health education curriculum. Education

**S-2648A**      **TEACHER DISMISSAL-DUE PROCESS** (DiPalma & Archambault) This act would provide that only reasonable notice and a hearing needs to be provided to a teacher dismissed for just cause. Teacher termination for just cause would not be subject to the March 1 deadline for notifying a teacher that their contract will not be renewed for the next school year. Labor

**S-2669Aaa**      **CURRICULUM-FREE PLAY RECESS** (Coyne & Others) This at would require public schools to provide students in grades kindergarten through five (5) with at least twenty (20) minutes of free-play recess each school day. Education

**S-2670**      **SCHOOL BUILDINGS** (DiPalma) *This act would enable and encourage school committees to make unused and underused school buildings available to other public schools. Education*

**S-2671**      **DISTRICT-CHARTER COMPACTS** (DiPalma) *This act would establish district-charter compacts between charter schools and traditional public schools and would establish a compact fund to be supported by appropriations from the general assembly as well as grants, gifts and bequests. Any such funds would be placed in the general fund unless specifically restricted for use by the district-charter for school benefit. Any such restriction would have to be approved in advance by the general treasurer and the director of administration. This act would encourage public school committees to work and cooperate with charter schools in solving common problems. Education*

**S-2672**      **RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF** (Paiva Weed & Others) *This act would enable children of parents or under the control of guardians who are legal residents of Rhode Island between birth and age twenty-one, who are not deaf or hard-of-hearing but present with significant speech impediments, to attend the Rhode Island School for the Deaf. In addition, the board of trustees may accept siblings of students if the enrollment would meet the needs of the student and siblings. Education*

**S-2673**      **UNHEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE ADVERTISING** (Sosnowski & Others) *This act would prohibit the advertising of unhealthy food and beverage products in schools that may not be sold on the school campus during the school day, since they do not meet the minimum nutrition standards. Education*

**S-2693Aaa**      **RECOVERY HIGH SCHOOLS-TRANSFER OF AID** (DiPalma & Others) *This act would allow students who are diagnosed with substance use disorder or dependency to be referred to a Rhode Island recovery high school by a licensed clinician. Subject to appropriations, this act would direct no less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) per year from the state for administration and programmatic costs at each recovery high school. Health & Human Services*

**S-2731**      **DUAL ENROLLMENT** (Sosnowski & Others) *This act would provide that school districts would not be responsible to pay the costs associated with a student's attendance at a post-secondary institution pursuant to a dual enrollment program Education*

**S-2735**      **BILITERACY SEAL** (Pichardo & Others) *This act would establish a state seal of biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English. Education*

**S-2736aa**      **CAREER AND TECHNICAL INTERNSHIPS** (Lombardo & Others) *This act requires the medical examiner to work with the department of children, youth and families and the office of the child advocate on a process for the timely availability of medical examiner findings in cases of suspected abuse and neglect. It requires the department of children, youth and families to disclose certain information regarding child fatalities or near fatalities involving reports of child abuse and neglect. This act establishes a child fatality review panel within the office of the child advocate to review the cases and findings related to child fatalities and near fatalities associated with suspected abuse and neglect. Education*

**S-2757**      **HEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGES** (Sosnowski & Others) *This act would modify the types of healthy foods and beverages that could be sold to students in schools during the school day by referencing the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Career and technical schools with culinary arts or food service programs would be permitted to request an exemption that would allow the sale of non-compliant snacks and beverages to*

students in school if such food was prepared by culinary students as part of their curriculum. The act would also repeal the current definitions of healthier beverages and snacks. Health & Human Services

**S-2825**      **INSTRUCTION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING** (Walaska & Others) This act would direct that the Rhode Island department of elementary and secondary education ensure that appropriate language assessments and standardized norms are used for the purpose of monitoring and tracking language developmental milestones in both expressive and receptive language acquisition and developmental stages toward American Sign Language (ASL) and English literacy for all deaf and hard of hearing children. Health & Human Services

**S-2867A**      **PUBLIC PREPARATORY ACADEMIES** (Pichardo & Others) This act would authorize the cities of Providence and Central Falls to create an alternative academy for students having difficulty in traditional public school settings. Education

**S-2947aa**      **SEXUAL ABUSE REPORTING** (Goodwin) This act would require the reporting of any sexual abuse of a child by an employee, agent, contractor or volunteer of an education program defined in the Rhode Island general laws. Health & Human Services

**S-2954**      **SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS-ATHLETIC TRAINERS** (DaPonte) This act would require all school districts to designate an athletic trainer to be available for high school athletic practices and games. Education

**S-3006**      **SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS-ATHLETIC TRAINERS** (DaPonte) This act would require all school districts to designate an athletic trainer to be available for high school athletic practices and games. Education

**S-3096**      **TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS-REGISTRY** (Pearson & Picard) This act would allow school districts to maintain an annual registry for students requiring bus transportation to school. The purpose of this registration would be to assist each district's bus transportation plan to be more cost-efficient. Senate Calendar

## **ELECTIONS**

**H-7024**      ***ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION*** (Regunberg & Others) *This act would require the secretary of state to establish a system to provide for the electronic registration of voters. The act would limit the use or transfer of the information supplied by the registering voter. Judiciary*

**H-7147A**      ***CAMPAIGN FINANCE-ENTITY DEFINED*** (Edwards & Others) *This act would clarify the definition of the term "entity" for purposes of campaign finance as it pertains to advocating for the approval or rejection of any question presented to voters at a financial town meeting, financial town referendum, or local election involving charter amendments. The act would include business entities, political action committees, persons and exempt nonprofits in the definition of an "entity". The act would also change the timing of the filing of the campaign finance reports from every seven (7) days to the schedule for the filing of all other campaign finance reports. Judiciary*

**H-7248**      ***IN PERSON EARLY VOTING*** (Blazewski & Others) *This act would create a procedure for in-person early voting for all general, primary and special elections, beginning twenty (20) days before the scheduled election. Judiciary*

**H-7249**      ***CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS*** (Ajello & Others) *This act would make extensive changes to the elections laws, including the definition of what a vote is and how to store ballots in cases of disputed results, and would allow a voter to take into or use election paraphernalia in a polling place. It would also make the board of elections subject to the rulemaking provisions of the administrative procedures act. This act would also direct the state board of elections to establish a risk-limiting audit pilot program and to report to the general assembly on the effectiveness of such audits. Judiciary*

**H-7315**      ***MAIL BALLOTS*** (Tobon & Others) *This act would allow mail ballot applications and emergency mail ballot applications to also serve as an affirmation form for inactive voters, as long as the voter's application address is where the voter is currently registered. Judiciary*

**H-7330**      ***VOTING EQUIPMENT/IRREGULAR BALLOTS*** (Coughlin & Others) *This act would change the definition of vote to accommodate the new computer voting machine. It would authorize the board of elections to promulgate rules concerning the process by which irregular ballots with write-in candidates are stored and recorded and would change the process by which printout tapes from the optical scan precinct count unit are handled. Judiciary*

**H-7400**      ***RESIDENCE 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. 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-7415**      ***BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERSHIP/BUFFER ZONES*** (Marcello & Others) *This act would add the secretary of state to the board of elections as a nonvoting ex officio member. It would also require the board of canvassers to clearly mark the fifty foot (50') buffer zone at each polling place, where political campaigning is prohibited. Judiciary*

**H-7530**      **VOTING BOOTHS** (Edwards & Others) This act would raise the age of children that can accompany a voter in the voter booth, from under the age of thirteen (13) to under the age of eighteen (18).  
Judiciary

**H-7539**      **PRIMARY ELECTIONS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would change the day of party primary elections from the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September each even numbered year, to the first Saturday in September. Judiciary

**H-7959A**      **ELECTION PROCEDURES** (Tobon & Others) This act would authorize the use of more than one bipartisan pair of poll supervisors which should help eliminate lines. Judiciary

**H-8324**      **ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would create a program implementing the use of electronic poll books for elections. Finance

**S-2310**      **RESIDENCE OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY** (Metts & Others) This act would require the state to use the actual residence of persons in government custody for redistricting purposes. Their actual residences would be as collected by the department of corrections and forwarded to the secretary of state to be utilized for redistricting. Judiciary

**S-2311**      **CHANGE OF PARTY AFFILIATION** (Raptakis & Others) This act would change the period of time a voter may have to change their party affiliation from the ninetieth day preceding any primary election for which the voter is eligible to the twenty-ninth day preceding any primary election for which the voter is eligible. Judiciary

**S-2358**      **IN PERSON EARLY VOTING** (Lynch & Others) This act would create a procedure for in-person early voting for all general, primary and special elections, beginning twenty (20) days before the scheduled election. Judiciary

**S-2415**      **VOTING EQUIPMENT/IRREGULAR BALLOTS** (Coyne & Others) This act would change the definition of vote to accommodate the new computer voting machine. It would authorize the board of elections to promulgate rules concerning the process by which irregular ballots with write-in candidates are stored and recorded and would change the process by which printout tapes from the optical scan precinct count unit are handled. Judiciary

**S-2504**      **BALLOT ARRANGEMENT-INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES** (McCaffrey & Lombardi) This act would remove the requirement that independent candidates for political office be listed in a vertical column on the ballot. Judiciary

**S-2513aa**      **ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION** (Goldin & Others) This act would require the secretary of state to establish a system for the electronic registration of voters. The act would limit the use or transfer of the information supplied by the voter in registering. Judiciary

**S-2537**      **MAIL BALLOTS** (McCaffery & Others) This act would change the mail ballot application allowing the applications to serve as an affirmation form for inactive voters who request a mail ballot from the address from which the voter is currently registered. It also eliminates the mail ballot application language that requires voters to verify the emergency which necessitated the mail ballot application. Judiciary

**S-2627**      **WARDENS AND SUPERVISORS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would authorize the use of more than one bipartisan pair of poll supervisors which should help eliminate lines. Judiciary

**S-2628**      **VOTING EQUIPMENT** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would update the processing of ballots containing write-in votes due to the new voting equipment. It would also amend the law concerning the printout tape from the optical scan precinct count unit for the new voting equipment and would accommodate the potential use of electronic voting lists. Judiciary

**S-2632**      **MAIL BALLOTS/CONTRIBUTIONS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would allow a voter who has requested a mail ballot, but has not voted, to vote a provisional ballot on Election Day. It would also add definitions for terms "conduit" and "earmarked" for the purpose of reporting campaign contributions. It would clarify an ambiguity concerning the reporting requirements for independent advocates, eliminate aggregate limits on contributions, and add a prohibition on earmarked contributions. The act would additionally allow the filing of a paper copy of a candidate/office holder's campaign account statement upon dissolution of the account. Judiciary

**S-2633**      **CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS/POLL WORKERS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would permit the hiring of government workers to act as poll workers for primary elections. It also grants the board of elections flexibility in determining the number of polling place units, voting booths, and whether to send tabulating voting equipment to each of the thirty-nine (39) regional sites across the state, due to the new voting equipment. Judiciary

**S-2719**      **CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS** (Crowley & Sosnowski) This act would make extensive changes to the elections laws, including the definition of what a vote is and how to store ballots in cases of disputed results, and would authorize a voter to take or use election paraphernalia into a polling place. The act would also direct the board of elections to establish a risk limiting audit pilot program, and to report to the general assembly on the effectiveness of such audits. Judiciary

**S-2834**      **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Goldin & Others) This act would repeal the voter identification law. Judiciary

## ENVIRONMENT

**H-7084B**      **EMERGENCY REFUSE TRANSFER LICENSES** (Morin & Others) This act would grant the director of the department of environmental management the authority to issue emergency temporary refuse transfer licenses to existing collection stations or recycle centers. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7099**      **NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION-FEES AND PERMITS** (MacBeth & Others) This act would prohibit the Narragansett Bay commission and/or the department of environmental management from charging fees, including annual permit fees, to any business that is utilizing a recycling process which does not discharge wastewater into publicly owned sewage treatment facilities or into the waters of this state. Finance

**H-7193**      **RECYCLING OF BEVERAGE CONTAINERS** (Barros & Others) This act would create the "Beverage Container Deposit Act" in order to provide a sustainable method for capturing beverage containers for recycling. This act would take effect on July 1, 2017; provided, that §23-18.18-9 would take effect upon passage. Finance

**H-7268**      **RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION-TIPPING FEES** (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 paid to the town by the corporation. Finance

**H-7325**      **CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENT AND CARBON PRICING ACT** (Regunberg & Others) This act would establish a fee on companies that sell fossil fuels in Rhode Island, paid at the point of sale within the state for consumption or distribution within the state. It would also establish a "Clean Energy and Jobs Fund" to disburse the collected funds. The funds would be disbursed through rebates to all residents and businesses in the state as well as allocated to climate resilience, energy efficiency, energy conservation, and renewable energy programs that benefit Rhode Islanders, particularly low income residential properties and small business properties. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7578**      **GEOENGINEERING** (MacBeth & Price) This act would define and limit the use of solar radiation management climate geoengineering in the state. The act would define geoengineering as activities specifically and deliberately designed to effect a change in the area climate. That act would further provide that no person would implement solar radiation management climate geoengineering in any area of the state without first obtaining the permission of the director of the department environmental management to do so. The process to obtain such permission would require an environmental impact statement for research or deployment with potential impacts above a minimum threshold, as well as a minimum of two (2) public hearings prior to any decision being issued. Environment & Natural Resources

**H-7619**      **SAFE CYTOTOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL ACT** (McNamara) This act would provide that protections related to the disposal of extremely hazardous wastes generated by the use of toxic, carcinogenic, mutagenic, or teratogenic chemotherapy drugs be implemented by pharmacists, physicians, health care providers, and insurers in the state of Rhode Island. The act would also provide for a drug stewardship program to address procedures and industry financing of the proper disposal of these extremely hazardous wastes. The educational and public awareness provisions of this act would take effect upon passage. The requirements related to the implementation of product stewardship programs and the enforcement provisions related thereto, along with any other provisions not already in effect, would take effect on July 1, 2017. Corporations

- H-7703Aaa WOOD STOVES** (Handy & Others) This act would regulate the phase-out of wood stoves without EPA certification in densely populated residential areas. Environment & Natural Resources
- H-7813 BLACKSTONE VALLEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT AUTHORITY** (Newberry) This act would establish the Blackstone Valley Wastewater Treatment Authority, and would prescribe its powers and duties. Municipal Government
- H-7924 WATER QUALITY PROTECTION FUNDS** (Messier & Others) This act would classify the two (2) types of water quality protection funds and would provide for the administration of the funds deposited therein by either the water supplier or the city of Providence. Finance
- H-7925 REMITTANCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF WATER CHARGES** (Messier & Others) This act would make a number of changes in the procedure for the remittance and disbursement of water charges. It would also provide that upon dissolution of the water resources board (corporate), charges previously remitted to the board would be maintained and retained by each supplier to support water quality protection programs. Finance
- H-8127A DRINKING WATER SUPPLY PROTECTIONS** (Naughton & Others) This act would direct the department of health to use funds from federal capitalization grants to conduct baseline copper and lead testing the water supply systems of each local government as well as in public schools and licensed daycare facilities. Environment & Natural Resources
- H-8266 COLLECTION/RECYCLING OF MERCURY CONTAINING LAMPS** (Handy & Others) This act would require manufacturers of mercury-containing lamps to establish and implement a statewide collection for the recycling of mercury-containing lamps. Environment & Natural Resources
- H-8270A CLEAN DIESEL FUND** (Coughlin & Others) This act would authorize the creation of a clean diesel fund within the department of environmental management for the purpose of reducing emissions from heavy duty diesel engines and helping companies improve supply chain efficiency. Finance
- H-8325 PERMITTING OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES** (Almeida) This act would require a notice and opportunity for the public to be heard with regard to the permitting of wastewater treatment facilities. Environment & Natural Resources
- H-8348 REFUSE DISPOSAL NOTIFICATIONS** (Carson & Others) This act would require that on or after January 1, 2018, educational and research institutions must recycle all of their food waste if they generate not less than 52 tons per year of organic waste material and are located within 15 miles of an authorized composting facility, unless the requirement is waived by the department of environmental management. Waivers would be granted if the cost to recycle is greater than certain tipping fees. Environment & Natural Resources
- H-8351 RECYCLING-ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS** (Tobon & Others) This act would require reporting by the resource recovery corporation on the economic impact of the Rhode Island recycling related industries, including the impact of diversion goal requiring that fifty percent of the state's solid waste be diverted using various recycling techniques. Finance
- S-2031 RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION-TIPPING FEES** (Lombardo & Archambault) This act would increase the Resource Recovery Corporation tipping fee from three dollars (\$3.00) to five dollars (\$5.00) per vehicle to be paid to the town of Johnston on a biannual basis. Finance

**S-2093A**      **EMERGENCY REFUSE TRANSFER LICENSES** (Picard) This act would grant the director of the department of environmental management the authority to issue emergency temporary refuse transfer licenses to existing collection stations or recycle centers. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2094Aaa**      **WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES-PERMITTING** (Walaska & Others) This act would require a notice and opportunity for the public to be heard with regard to the permitting of wastewater treatment facilities. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2095aa**      **RECYCLING-MERCURY CONTAINING LAMPS** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would require manufacturers of mercury-containing lamps to establish and implement a statewide collection for the recycling of mercury-containing lamps. Environment & Agriculture (Link Broken on RILIN website)

**S-2178A**      **RECYCLING OF FOOD WASTE** (Goldin & Others) This act would require that on or after January 1, 2018, educational and research institutions must recycle all of their food waste if they generate not less than 52 tons per year of organic waste material and are located within 15 miles of an authorized composting facility, unless the requirement is waived by the department of environmental management. Waivers would be granted if the cost to recycle is greater than certain tipping fees. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2179**      **RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION-COMPOSITION** (Coyne & Others) This act would add the secretary of the Rhode Island executive office of commerce, or the secretary's designee, as an ex officio member of the board of commissioners of the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2182**      **RECYCLING IMPACT STATEMENTS** (Felag & Others) This act would require reporting by the resource recovery corporation on the economic impact of the Rhode Island recycling related industries, including the impact of diversion goal requiring that fifty percent of the state's solid waste be diverted using various recycling techniques. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2186**      **SOLID WASTE REDUCTION** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would declare that the state's policy goal with respect to solid waste is that not less than fifty percent of the solid waste generated be diverted through diversion, source reduction, re-use, recycling or composting by 2025. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2266**      **CONTRACT FOR COLLECTING OF RECYCLABLES** (Goodwin & Others) This act would enable the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation to contract for the collection of recyclables at all state agencies, institutions, and educational facilities by January 1, 2021. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2527**      **PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION** (Miller & Others) This act would prohibit retail sales establishments from making available plastic checkout bags, or plastic water bottles or expanded polystyrene disposable food containers at the point of sale. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2606Aaa**      **RECYCLING/RECYCLABLE MATERIALS DEFINED** (Algieri & Others) This act would amend the definition of "recycling" and "recyclable materials" in several chapters of the general laws. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2609**      **SAFE CYTOTOXIC WASTE DISPOSAL ACT** (DiPalma & Archambault) This act would provide that protections related to the disposal of extremely hazardous wastes generated by the use of toxic,

carcinogenic, mutagenic, or teratogenic chemotherapy drugs be implemented by pharmacists, physicians, health care providers, and insurers in the state of Rhode Island. The act would also provide for a drug stewardship program to address procedures and industry financing of the proper disposal of these extremely hazardous wastes. The educational and public awareness provisions of this act would take effect upon passage. The requirements related to the implementation of product stewardship programs and the enforcement provisions related thereto, along with any other provisions not already in effect, would take effect on July 1, 2017.

**S-2638**      **LEAD HAZARD MITIGATION** (DiPalma & Felag) This act would make a change in the definition of housing presumed to be in compliance with lead-safe laws. It would include dwelling units constructed after 1950 on federally-owned or leased lands in the definition. Health & Human Services

**S-2797A**      **STATEWIDE RECYCLING PROGRAMS** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would update the legislative findings of waste recycling to reflect technological advances, would clarify that the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation is responsible for the design and implementation of all statewide recycling programs, and would provide that the director of the department of environmental management may, pursuant to existing authority, delegate enforcement of the provisions of chapter 18.8 of title 23, including assessment of existing penalties not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), to the Rhode Island resource recovery corporation.. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2804**      **QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORP-WATER SUPPLY** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would grant the Quonset Development Corporation the ability to purchase potable water from the Providence Water Supply Board to ensure an adequate water supply for all of the current and future tenants at the Quonset Business Park.

**S-2955**      **CARBON PRICING PROGRAMS** (Conley) This act would direct the climate change coordinating council to study a carbon pricing program, to incentivize institutions and industry to reduce carbon emissions and would make several other additions to the council's responsibilities. Environment & Agriculture

**S-3024**      **SOLID WASTE REDUCTION** (Lombardo & Others) This act would declare that the state's policy goal with respect to solid waste is that not less than fifty percent of the solid waste generated be diverted through diversion, source reduction, re-use, recycling or composting by 2025. Environment & Natural Resources

**S-3057A**      **CLEAN DIESEL FUND** (Gallo & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island clean diesel fund for the purpose of reducing emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines operating on state roads and helping companies improve supply chain efficiency as described in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's SmartWay program. Finance

**S-3098**      **DRINKING WATER SUPPLY PROTECTIONS** (McCaffrey & Felag) This act would direct the department of health to use funds from federal capitalization grants to conduct baseline copper and lead testing the water supply systems of each local government as well as in public schools and licensed daycare facilities. Senate Calendar

## **FINANCE & TAXATION**

**H-7013**      **TAX EXEMPTIONS-BROWN UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS** (Chippendale) *This act would repeal the exemption from taxation of property belonging to Brown University professors. Finance*

**H-7108**      **EDUCATION AID** (Morin & Others) *This act would provide for increases in the amount of foundation level school support that a community would receive, based upon a community's ability to meet and surpass its minimum low and moderate income housing requirements. Finance*

**H-7113**      **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF-DISABLED PERSONS DEFINED** (Malik & Others) *This act would define as "disabled," persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government for purposes of property tax relief. Finance*

**H-7118**      **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF-DISABLED VETERANS** (Shekarchi & Others) *This act would extend property tax relief for the disabled to those receiving veterans' disability benefits. Finance*

**H-7177**      **IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE MANDATES-CESSATION** (Edwards & Others) *This act would provide that if during any fiscal year the state reimbursement to cities and 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, in an amount not greater than fifty percent (50%) of the value of the reimbursement shortfall. Finance*

**H-7194**      **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS** (Casey & Others) *This act would give cities and towns the option of entirely exempting homestead of a disabled veteran or their surviving spouse from taxation. Municipal Government*

**H-7211**      **SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL BUILDING FUND** (Regunberg & Others) *This act would appropriate twenty million dollars to the School Building Authority Capital Fund. Finance*

**H-7212**      **STATE AID TO MUNICIPALITIES** (Regunberg & Others) *This act would impose tax increases on personal income, with the revenue collected therefrom to be deposited into restricted receipt accounts for the purposes of state aid to municipalities, and reimbursement of public school construction. Finance*

**H-7231**      **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (McNamara & Others) *This act would amend car tax statutes so that the assessment of used motor vehicles would be reduced to 95% of clean retail value for the first year after passage, then 90% of the clean retail value for the subsequent year, and thereafter 100% of the average trade-in value. The state would indemnify each city and town for lost revenue by a method to be established by the general assembly. Finance*

**H-7292**      **DISTRESSED COMMUNITY LIBRARY AID** (Maldonado & Others) *This act would increase the state's share to support local public library services in distressed communities, by an amount equal to the amount paid by the distressed city or town into the ocean state libraries (OSL) annual assessment charges. Finance*

**H-7295**      **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS** (MacBeth & Others) This act would extend property tax exemptions given to veterans, gold star parents, and blind persons, to include, and be applicable to leased motor vehicles and trailers. Finance

**H-7326**      **TAX EXEMPTIONS-DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY DEFINED** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would amend the definition of "developmental property" in connection with the exemption from taxation for new construction to provide that such property shall mean commercial real estate, subject to certain listed exceptions. Municipal Government

**H-7365**      **PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCIES-INTEREST** (Nardolillo) This act would establish a statewide limit of twelve percent (12%) per year on interest charged by cities and towns on delinquent taxes. Municipal Government

**H-7431**      **ROAD & BRIDGE REVOLVING FUND** (Slater & Hull) This act would authorize cities and towns to issue bonds during calendar years 2014 2 through 2016 to evidence loans from the municipal road and bridge revolving fund. Finance

**H-7454Aaa**      **2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**ARTICLE 11, Sec. 1: SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTING-UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS** (Abney) This act would establish a uniform chart of accounts that would allow for both school-to-school and school district-to-school district comparisons. It would also implement a department of elementary and secondary education approved budget model for long-range planning, budget development, and budget administration and reporting. Finance

**H-7454Aaa**      **2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**ARTICLE 11, Sec. 2: THE EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT**(Abney) This section would modify the foundation education aid calculation for high need students who require support beyond core instruction be determined using resident children whose family income is at or below one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of federal poverty guidelines; would modify the funding requirements for PreK-6 students as described above; would allow school districts to cut charter school payments by 7 percent (7%) and deduct certain expenses such as teacher pension costs; would require data collection for certain costs that exceed state thresholds; and would provide additional funding for EL students in FY 17. Finance

**H-7454Aaa**      **2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**ARTICLE 11, Sec. 3: DISTRICT CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Abney) This act would eliminate from the funding formula the determination of funding allocated to district charter schools incorporate the ratio of budgeted expenses vs. students enrolled in sending school districts to the students enrolled in district charter schools. Finance

**H-7454Aaa**      **2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**ARTICLE 11, Sec. 4: INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Abney) This act would eliminate from the funding formula the determination of funding allocated to district charter schools incorporate the ratio of budgeted expenses vs. students enrolled in sending school districts to the students enrolled in independent charter schools. Finance

**H-7454Aaa 2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**ARTICLE 11, Sec. 5: MAYORAL ACADEMY FUNDING** (Abney). This act would eliminate from the funding formula the determination of funding allocated to district charter schools incorporate the ratio of budgeted expenses vs. students enrolled in sending school districts to the students enrolled in mayoral academies. Finance

**H-7454Aaa 2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**ARTICLE 11, Sec. 6: EDUCATION AID-CHILDREN IN DCYF CARE/BRADLEY HOSPITAL** (Abney) This section would 1.) Increase the amount of education aid for DCYF certified beds from fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000); and 2.) Increase the amount of education aid residential facility "beds" located or associated with the Children's Residential and Family Treatment (CRAFT) program located on the East Providence campus of Bradley Hospital from twenty-two thousand dollars (\$22,000) to twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000). Finance

**H-7454Aaa 2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**ARTICLE 8, Sec. 1: MONITORING OF FINANCIAL OPERATIONS/TRANSPARENCY PORTAL** (Abney) This act would change municipal quarterly reporting requirement to the Division of Municipal Finance to triannual submissions through the use of a newly established Municipal Finance "Transparency Portal". This act would also require municipalities to post the reports on their web sites within 10 days of approval. Finance

**H-7454Aaa 2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**ARTICLE 8, Sec. 2: MUNICIPAL BUDGETS-REPORTING REQUIREMENTS** (Abney) This act removes the requirement that municipalities include, as part of 5 (five) year forecast reporting, scenarios involving pension and other post-employment benefits (OPEB) obligations at 100% of the Annual Required Contribution (ARC) for general and unrestricted school funds. Finance

**H-7454Aaa 2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT**

**ARTICLE 8, Sec. 4: DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES-INCOME TAX OFFSET PROGRAM** (Abney) This act would require municipalities identified as "distressed" to participate in the income tax offset program established by the Division of Taxation as a means to collect outstanding liabilities owed to said communities. Finance

**H-7491 REGIONALIZATION BONUSES** (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-7493 TAX EXEMPTIONS-EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS/LIBRARIES** (Carnevale & Others) This act would exclude from tax exemption any property, income or profits owned by any educational institution or library, where any of the property, income or profits are derived from any activity not involving education. Finance

**H-7494 REIMBURSEMENT FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES** (Carnevale & Others) This act would permit municipalities to seek reimbursement for essential services provided to certain tax exempt properties based on pro rata basis according to the assessed value of the property serviced. Finance

**H-7550 PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX-ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION** (Ucci) This act would clarify depreciation in connection with the calculation of the net book value of a company's tangible personal property, by providing that the accumulated depreciation reduction would take into account physical

deterioration and functional and economic obsolescence determined in accordance with generally accepted property tax valuation principles. Finance

**H-7551**      **SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND** (DeSimone & Others) This act would permit cities and towns to borrow any amount from the School Building Authority Capital Fund to fund the LEA's share of total project costs without voter approval prior to July 1, 2016. After July 1, 2016, voter approval would be required for loans in excess of \$500,000. Finance

**H-7558**      **TAX PREFERENCE PROGRAMS-PERFORMANCE INDICATORS REQUIRED** (Tanzi & Others) This act would require any law authorizing a tax preference enacted after January 1, 2017 to contain specific goals and objectives and provide for detailed performance indicators to allow the general assembly to measure whether the tax preference has met its goal, purpose and objective. This act would further provide that all tax preferences enacted after January 1, 2016, would be repealed on the first day of January next following the fifth anniversary of its effective date. Finance

**H-7562**      **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS** (Kazarian & Others) This act would exempt from the excise tax any vehicle or trailer with a valuation of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or less. Finance

**H-7603**      **TANGIBLE PROPERTY TAX APPEALS** (Ucci & Others) This act would provide that appeals from administrative orders or decisions regarding the taxation of tangible property are to the sixth division district court, and not the superior court. Judiciary

**H-7647**      **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-AGRICULTURE** (Naughton & Others) This act would exempt from taxation open air structures that are used for the sheltering and feeding and watering of animals utilized in connection with agricultural operations. Municipal Government

**H-7648**      **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-AGRICULTURE** (Naughton & Others) This act would exempt tangible personal property used in agricultural operations from property subject to taxation. Municipal Government

**H-7697**      **IMPACT FEES** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would amend provisions of the Rhode Island Development Impact Fee Act regarding the need and basis for impact fees, the need for impact fees for new schools, the need for impact fees for low, moderate and age restricted housing, and how municipalities manage impact fee accounts. Finance

**H-7698**      **PROPERTY TAX-LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION** (Shekarchi) This act would change the name and composition of the legislative commission to study and evaluate property tax related issues, including tax classification systems and the process of valuation appeals by making it a permanent commission. Municipal Government

**H-7730**      **LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS-AMORTIZATION SCHEDULES** (McNamara) This act would require municipalities to include in their locally administered defined benefit pension plan triennial reports a twenty (20) year amortization schedule of annual required contributions, actuarial accrued liability, unfunded actuarial accrued liability, and plan funding percentage. The act would also require that in instances wherein an actuary certifies that a locally administered plan is in critical status for a plan year, the municipality must submit to the general treasurer, the director of revenue and auditor general within one

*hundred eighty (180) days from the date the notice is sent a reasonable alternative funding improvement plan to emerge from critical status. Finance*

**H-7745**      **TAX FREE ZONES** (Costantino & Others) *This act would establish the "Start-Up Rhode Island Act," to allow for the establishment of tax free zones in the state. Businesses selected for access to such tax free zones would not be required to pay state income tax, business or corporate tax, or local taxes or franchise fees for a period of up to ten (10) years. Finance*

**H-7789**      **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX-VALUATIONS** (Slater & Others) *This act would provide that the excise tax assessed against vehicles and trailers may be determined by a non-binding recommendation of the vehicle value commission, or by the assessor's combination of the published retail and trade-in values. This act would take effect sixty (60) days after passage. Finance*

**H-7794**      **PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD-ADVISORY POWERS** (Coughlin & Others) *This act would empower the public finance management board (PFMB) to advise and/or assist any city or town and any municipal or regional agency board or commissioner regarding the issuance of revenue or general obligation bonds or notes with respect to their issuance and financial planning without any request from the local entity. Finance*

**H-7795**      **MEALS AND BEVERAGE TAX-DISTRIBUTION** (Malik & Others) *This act would increase the amount of funds distributed to the city or town where meals and beverages are delivered from one percent (1%) in fiscal year 2017 in annual increments of one percent (1%) per fiscal year until the reimbursement rate equals eight percent (8%) in fiscal year 2024, provided that the budget enacted for the corresponding fiscal year results in a surplus of funds. Finance*

**H-7796**      **PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD-MUNICIPAL LEASES** (Morin & Others) *This act would require public finance management board approval of municipal leases in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and notice to the board of the issuance of new borrowing obligations. Finance*

**H-7881**      **EDUCATION AID-STATE LOTTERY REVENUE** (Ucci & Others) *This act would direct profits from the state lottery into an education aid restricted receipt account to be disbursed as state aid to education. Finance*

**H-7918**      **BUDGET COMMISSIONS-POWERS** (Phillips & Others) *This act would eliminate personnel decisions from the enumeration of the powers of budget commissions. Finance*

**H-7923**      **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX- ELECTRIC PLUG IN VEHICLES** (Blazejewski & Others) *This act would exempt qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles from excise taxes. Finance*

**H-7926**      **EDUCATION AID-PER PUPIL COST CALCULATION** (O'Grady & Others) *This act would add charter tuitions to the calculation used to determine local per-pupil cost. Finance*

**H-7954**      **TAX EXEMPTIONS-RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS** (Ruggiero & Others) *This act would exempt renewable energy systems of up to ten (10) kilowatts for residential property and up to one hundred (100) kilowatts for small commercial property from local taxation for a period of twenty (20) years or upon transfer of the property, whichever is first. Municipal Government*

**H-7965**      **FUNDING OF CHARTER SCHOOLS** (Barros & Others) This act would reduce a local school district's quarterly per pupil payments to charter schools which do not participate in either the state or a municipal pension system, based upon the districts per pupil pension cost. The local school district would be permitted to expend these additional funds on schools operated and administered by the local school district. The act would also remove an outdated reference to RIGL §16-24-6.2 regarding a onetime payment of education funding in the 1993-1994 school year. Finance

**H-7981**      **EDUCATION AID-STATE'S SHARE** (Marshall & Others) This act would provide for a stabilization of the state's share of foundation education aid to regional school districts at the 2015-2016 levels for two (2) years. The act would also increase the state's share of foundation education aid to regional school districts for FY 2017 and FY 2018. There would be a one percent (1%) increase for FY 2017, and a two percent (2%) increase for FY 5 2018. In 2018, both the stabilization of and the increases in aid would cease, but the general assembly would review and assess the increases for possible continuation. Finance

**H-7984**      **REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX** (Kazarian & Others) This act would exempt from the real estate conveyance tax the transfer of interests in any housing development financed in whole or in part by federal low income housing tax credits. Finance

**H-8006**      **SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGETS** (Chippendale & Others) This act would provide that any non-recurring capital expenses shall not be included in the annual budget or in the maintenance of effort of any school district. Finance

**H-8053**      **BONDED INDEBTEDNESS-MUNICIPAL FINANCE APPROVAL REQUIRED** (Morgan & Others) This act would require the prior approval of the municipal finance division of the department of administration for the issuance of bonded indebtedness by the towns and cities in the state. Finance

**H-8070**      **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX –ELIMINATION** (Coughlin & Others) This act would eliminate the motor vehicle and trailer excise tax by fiscal year 2019, and would further provide that reimbursement for lost tax revenue would be provided to the cities, towns and fire districts from the sales tax and lottery revenue. Finance

**H-8161**      **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX EXEMPTION** (O'Brien & Others) This act would increase the exemption for the motor vehicle excise tax from five hundred dollars (\$500) to three thousand dollars (\$3,000). Finance

**H-8202**      **TAX EXEMPTIONS-VISUALLY IMPAIRED DEFINED** (Hearn & Others) This act would update the definition of visually impaired persons to conform to the federal standard based upon medical advances and to assure a uniform application by all municipalities in granting the exemption. Municipal Government

**H-8284**      **INTERLOCAL CONTRACTING** (Edwards & Others) This act would amend existing provisions of Chapter 45-40.1 pertaining to Interlocal Contracting and Joint Enterprises to permit municipal and governmental units of this state, including cities, towns, fire districts, water districts, school districts, and taxing authorities, to contract with governmental units of this or other states with respect to matters which they are authorized by law to perform, on the terms and conditions set forth in said Chapter, as amended. This act would also adopt new provisions of chapter 45-43 pertaining to Regional Councils of Local Government to authorize two or more municipalities to form regional emergency communication districts for the purpose of operating facilities housing a regional emergency communication center to provide for the regional dispatch and coordination of

emergency services for the municipalities comprising such district, if the member municipalities approve such districts in accordance with the provisions of the chapter, such districts to be established, organized and governed, and such centers to be constructed, operated and maintained, pursuant to a written district agreement adopted by the member municipalities. Municipal Government

**H-8300**      **ASSESSMENT & TAXATION OF LOW INCOME HOUSING** (Morin & Others) This act would enable a municipality to adopt an ordinance that would exempt that municipality from being required to accept any additional residential properties, otherwise eligible for alternative assessment and taxation, if the municipality has achieved the goal of having in excess of ten (10%) percent of its housing stock as low and affordable housing. Municipal Government

**H-8347**      **ASSESSMENT & TAXATION OF LOW INCOME HOUSING** (Morin & Others) This act would enable a municipality to adopt an ordinance that would exempt that municipality from being required to accept any additional residential properties, otherwise eligible for alternative assessment and taxation, if the municipality has achieved the goal of having in excess of ten (10%) percent of its housing stock as low and affordable housing. Municipal Government

**H-8361**      **INSTALLMENT TAX PAYMENTS-NOTICE REQUIREMENTS** (MacBeth & Filippi) This act would require municipalities that allow installment payment of taxes to notify, in writing, any taxpayers failing to make a timely installment payment that their payment has not been received within twenty (20) days of the payment date and that failure to make payment within twenty (20) days of the date of the written notice will result in the payment of a penalty and/or interest. Municipal Government

**S-2007B**      **PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD** (DaPonte & Others) This act would amend the statutes relating to the public finance management board to give them authority over all public debt, including municipalities and fire districts and requires them to issue periodic reports regarding same. Finance

**S-2025**      **BUDGET COMMISSIONS- POWERS** (Picard) This act would prohibit a budget commission from selecting, hiring or firing specific city, town, educational, police or fire district employees. Finance

**S-2026**      **EDUCATION AID-PUPIL REIMBURSEMENTS** (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 providing permanent foundation education aid funding for services and instructional services for students residing in conventional public housing units. Finance

**S-2029**      **LIBRARY AID-DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES** (Crowley) This act would increase the state's share to support local public library services in distressed communities, by an amount equal to the amount paid by the distressed city or town into the ocean state libraries (OSL) annual assessment charges. Finance

**S-2030**      **QUALIFYING LOW INCOME HOUSING** (Picard) This act would increase the maximum tax on qualifying low income property from eight percent (8%) of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income to ten percent (10%) of prospective year's gross scheduled rental income. Finance

**S-2032**      **QUALIFYING LOW INCOME HOUSING** (Picard) This act would increase the maximum tax for qualifying low income housing from eight percent (8%) to ten percent (10%) of the property's previous year's gross scheduled rental income. Finance

**S-2034**      **QUALIFYING LOW INCOME HOUSING** (Picard) This act would permit a municipality, in which twelve percent (12%) of the housing in a municipality qualifies for low-income housing, to charge a tax up to ten percent (10%) of the current year's gross scheduled rental income. Finance

**S-2037**      **EDUCATION AID CALCULATION** (Picard) 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

**S-2042**      **ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION-MICRO ZONES** (Satchell & 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

**S-2044**      **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX-TRADE IN VALUE/APPEALS** (Walaska & 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. Appeals of the assessor's decision would now be effectuated by the aggrieved taxpayer submitting their own certified appraisal to the tax assessor. Finance

**S-2053**      **REVALUATION CYCLE** (Walaska & 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 fifteen (15) years and would require the department of revenue to publish annually, a fifteen (15) year schedule of updates and revaluations to assist the cities and towns with compliance of these requirements. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2133**      **TAX EXEMPTIONS-BROWN UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS** (Kettle & Morgan) This act would repeal the exemption from taxation of property belonging to Brown University professors. Finance

**S-2150**      **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-2177**      **TAX EXEMPTIONS- RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS** (DaPonte & Others) This act would exempt renewable energy systems of up to ten (10) kilowatts for residential property and up to one hundred (100) kilowatts for small commercial property from local taxation for a period of twenty (20) years or upon transfer of the property, whichever is first. Finance

**S-2202**      **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX-TRADE IN VALUE** (Pichardo & Others) This act would amend car tax statutes so that the assessment of used motor vehicles would be reduced to 95% of clean retail value for the first year after passage, then 90% of the clean retail value for the subsequent year, and thereafter 100% of the average trade-in value. The state would indemnify each city and town for lost revenue by a method to be established by the general assembly. Finance

**S-2206**      **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF-DISABLED PERSONS DEFINED** (DaPonte & Others) This act would amend the definition of the term "disabled", for purposes of property tax relief, to include persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government. Finance

**S-2269**      **TAX EXEMPTIONS-RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS-REAL ESTATE** (Pagliarini & Others) This act would clarify that the exemption from taxes of any renewable energy system is to the real estate of such system. Finance

**S-2274**      **TAX EXEMPTIONS-RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS-TANGIBLE PROPERTY** (Pagliarini & Others) This act would exempt from state taxation the machinery, equipment, and tangible personal property of an unregulated renewable energy system. Finance

**S-2278**      **MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES** (Doyle & Others) This act would expand the number of municipal economic zones permitted by law to areas located in a municipality designated as a state-approved "growth center". Finance

**S-2279**      **PAYMENT TO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require reimbursement payments from the general fund to volunteer fire departments responding to emergencies on or along Route 95. Finance

**S-2285**      **TAX FREE ZONES** (Archambault & Others) This act would establish the "Start-Up Rhode Island Act," to allow for the establishment of tax free zones. Businesses selected for access to such tax free zones would not be required to pay state income, business, corporate taxes, local taxes or franchise fees for a period of up to ten (10) years. Finance

**S-2289**      **TAX STABILIZATION AGREEMENTS** (Pagliarini) This act would repeal the authority of various cities and towns to provide certain tax exemptions and would enter into various tax stabilization agreements. Finance

**S-2345**      **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF-VETERANS** (Pagliarini & Algieri) This act would extend the right to property tax relief to any veteran honorably discharged by eliminating references to particular conflicts. Finance

**S-2347**      **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-AGRICULTURE** (Kettle & Others) This act would exempt from taxation open air structures that are used for the sheltering and/or feeding and watering of animals utilized in connection with agricultural operations Finance

**S-2348**      **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS** (Miller & Others) This act would exempt qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles from excise taxes. Finance

**S-2352**      **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING** (Pagliarini) This act would repeal the tax increment financing act. Finance

**S-2353**      **LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION PLANS-AMORTIZATION SCHEDULES** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would require municipalities to include in their locally administered defined benefit pension plan triennial reports a twenty (20) year amortization schedule of annual required contributions, actuarial accrued liability, unfunded actuarial accrued liability, and plan funding percentage. The act would also require

that in instances wherein an actuary certifies that a locally administered plan is in critical status for a plan year, the municipality must submit to the general treasurer, the director of revenue and auditor general within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date the notice is sent a reasonable alternative funding improvement plan to emerge from critical status. Finance

**S-2355**      **REHABILITATION LOANS** (Pagliarini) This act would repeal the provisions of the general laws which authorize cities, towns, and redevelopment agencies to make rehabilitation loans. Finance

**S-2357**      **HOUSING PROJECT LOANS** (Pagliarini) This act would repeal the provisions of the general laws which authorized housing authorities and redevelopment agencies to loan money for constructing low income housing. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2438**      **REVENUE SHARING** (Satchell) This act would provide for revenue sharing with municipalities commencing in fiscal year 2017, based upon three percent (3%) of total state income tax revenues. It would also impose a two percent (2%) tax increase on personal income over two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) commencing January 1, 2017. Finance

**S-2442**      **LEVY AND ASSESSMENT ON NEW CONSTRUCTION PROPERTIES** (Pagliarini) This act would provide for enabling legislation relative to the assessment and taxation of new real estate construction and reductions in assessed value of real estate upon removal of damaged buildings by repealing sections of law requiring said tax and implementation of a new enabling section providing the manner in which a city or town may tax such property. Finance

**S-2443**      **TENANT FOR LIFE OR YEARS-LIABILITY FOR TAXES ON THE ESTATE** (Pagliarini) This act would provide that taxes on estates in the possession of a tenant for life, or for a term of twenty (20) or more years, would be taxed by a municipality to the tenant when the lease requires the tenant to pay the taxes. Finance

**S-2448**      **APPEAL OF ASSESSMENT-NOTICES OF ACCOUNT** (Pagliarini) This act would remove the failure of a taxpayer to file a notice of account with the local tax board of review as a condition precedent to the filing of a petition for relief in superior court. Finance

**S-2471**      **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. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2496**      **LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS-AMORTIZATION SCHEDULES** (McCaffery & Lombardi) This act would require municipalities that manage locally administered pension funds, to submit reports as part of the annual actuarial valuation study. The report would require that the municipality include a 20 year amortization schedule of annual required contributions from its employees, from taxpayers, actuarial accrued liability and unfunded actuarial accrued liability and plan funding percentage for each individual plan. It would also require that upon a finding that a plan is in critical status, that the municipality post the status on its municipal website and maintain it until the fund is no longer in critical status. Further, within 180 days of critical status notice, the municipality would be required to submit to the general treasurer, the director of revenue and the auditor general a reasonable funding alternative which includes the effect on other plans administered by the municipality, the effect on the municipal budget and the effect on municipal taxes. Finance

- S-2528**      **ESL FUNDING FORMULA** (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish state aid a funding formula for compensation of school districts for the additional costs of students learning English. Finance
- S-2529**      **MUNICIPAL ROAD & BRIDGE REVOLVING FUND** (Goodwin & Others) This act would extend the authority of cities and towns for calendar years 2015 and 2016 to issue bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness to evidence loans from the municipal road and bridge revolving fund. Finance
- S-2530**      **TAX EXEMPTIONS-EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS/LIBRARIES** (Miller & Others) This act would exclude from tax exemption any property, income or profits owned by any educational institution or library, where any of the property, income or profits are derived from any activity not involving education Finance
- S-2575**      **IMPACT FEES** (McCaffrey & Lombardi) This act would amend provisions of the Rhode Island Development Impact Fee Act regarding the need and basis for impact fees, the need for impact fees for new schools, the need for impact fees for low, moderate and age restricted housing, and how municipalities manage impact fee accounts. Finance
- S-2593**      **TAX EXEMPTIONS-AGRICULTURE** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would exempt tangible personal property used in agricultural operations from property subject to taxation. Finance
- S-2608**      **PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX-ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION** (Archambault & Others) This act would clarify depreciation in connection with the calculation of the net book value of a company's tangible personal property, by providing that the accumulated depreciation reduction would take into account physical deterioration and functional and economic obsolescence determined in accordance with generally accepted property tax valuation principles. Finance
- S-2621**      **PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCIES-INTEREST** (Raptakis & Others) This act would establish a statewide limit of twelve percent (12%) per year on interest charged by cities and towns on delinquent taxes Finance
- S-2622**      **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX –ASSESSED VALUE** (Pichardo & Others) This act would provide that the excise tax assessed against vehicles and trailers may be determined by a non-binding recommendation of the vehicle value commission, or by the assessor's combination of the published retail and trade-in values. Finance
- S-2637**      **EDUCATION AID TRANSITION PLAN** (Pearson & Picard) This act would accelerate the transition plan for calculation of 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. Education
- S-2689**      **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX –UNIFORM TAX RATE** (Ciccone & Others) This act would create a statewide uniform motor vehicle excise tax rate and would establish a fund to reimburse the cities and towns that will financially lose taxes due to the enactment of the statewide motor vehicle excise tax rate. It would be funded by motor vehicle related-fees and the motor vehicle excise tax phase-out exemption to be paid by the state. Finance

**S-2691**      **VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS DEFINED** (Lynch & Others) This act would update the definition of visually impaired persons to conform to the federal standard based upon medical advances and to assure a uniform application by all municipalities in granting the exemption. Health & Human Services

**S-2732**      **STUDENTS IN GROUP HOMES** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would require the state to pay for the education of students placed in group homes outside of their municipality. Finance

**S-2739**      **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Pearson & Others) This act would: (1) Provide that mayoral academies would be funded in full by the state for both core and non-core expenditures; (2) Provide a dual-path application process for charter schools other than mayoral academies to be funded either in full by the state, or by both local communities and the state; (3) Require applicants for mayoral academies to provide a fiscal impact statement which details the anticipated fiscal impact of the mayoral academy on the state budget if the mayoral academy is permitted to operate and grows to its highest projected enrollment for the five year period following approval; (4) Establish a municipal core instruction fund to improve the ability of cities and towns to support core instructional activities through local expenditures; and (5) Provide that local city and town councils would have the opportunity to approve applications for new charter public schools or the expansion of charter public schools in their communities if the charter public schools are seeking to be funded by the local communities Finance

**S-2742**      **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Pearson & Others) This act would provide that beginning in FY 2017, the state would pay the local share or contribution of charter public school tuition for all school districts with charter public school enrollments that combined, total more than five percent (5%) of the average daily membership of all pupils attending public schools within those school districts. This act also incorporates proposals from the governor's proposed FY 2016-2017 budget regarding charter school funding. Finance

**S-2744**      **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Pearson & Others) This act would provide that beginning in FY 2017, the state would pay the local share or contribution of charter public school tuition for the number of students attending the charter public schools in excess of five percent (5%) the average daily membership of all pupils attending public schools within those school districts. This act would also incorporate proposals from the governor's proposed FY 2016-2017 budget regarding charter school funding. Finance

**S-2807**      **INTERLOCAL CONTRACTING** (DiPalma & Others) This act would amend existing provisions of Chapter 45-40.1 pertaining to Interlocal Contracting and Joint Enterprises to permit municipal and governmental units of this state, including cities, towns, fire districts, water districts, school districts, and taxing authorities, to contract with governmental units of this or other states with respect to matters which they are authorized by law to perform. . This act would also adopt new provisions of chapter 45-43 pertaining to Regional Councils of Local Government to authorize two or more municipalities to form regional emergency communication districts for the purpose of operating facilities housing a regional emergency communication center to provide for the regional dispatch and coordination of emergency services for the municipalities comprising such district, if the member municipalities approve such districts in accordance with the provisions of the chapter, such districts to be established, organized and governed, and such centers to be constructed, operated and maintained, pursuant to a written district agreement adopted by the member municipalities. Finance

**S-2819**      **PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD-POWERS** (DaPonte) This act would empower the public finance management board (PFMB) to advise and/or assist any city or town and any municipal or regional agency board or commissioner regarding the issuance of revenue or general obligation bonds or notes with respect to their issuance and financial planning without any request from the local entity. Finance

**S-2820**      ***PUBLIC DEBT ISSUANCE-APPROVAL/REPORTING*** (DaPonte) *This act would require that the public finance management board be provided with a final report of any public debt issuance within thirty (30) days of issuance, and that any issuer of public debt provide the public finance management board with an annual report detailing the specifics for each outstanding debt incurred. This act would further require municipalities to provide the division of debt management with the applicable resolution or ordinance stating the purpose of any public debt issuance, and would further require that, subject to certain limitations, no public debt issuance would be incurred in an amount greater than \$1,000,000 without the prior approval of the public finance management board. Finance*

**S-2872A**      ***LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION PLANS*** (Pearson) *This act would establish an advisory council to review locally administered pension funds. Finance*

**S-2964**      ***SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGETS-MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT CALCULATION*** (Fogarty) *This act would provide that any non-recurring capital expenses shall not be included in the annual budget or in the maintenance of effort of any school district. Finance*

## **FIRE DISTRICTS**

**H-7214**      **BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Nardolillo & Others) *This act would remove fire districts from budget commission oversight. Finance*

**H-7331**      **OPEN MEETINGS** (Gallison & Others) *This act would exempt fire companies with no tax and/or policy making authority from certain posting requirements of the open meetings act. Judiciary*

**H-8179**      **LONSDALE FIRE DISTRICT MERGER** (O'Grady and Ackerman) *This act would authorize the dissolution of the operation of the Lonsdale Fire District as an independent fire district and would transfer its responsibilities, assets and liabilities to the Saylesville Fire District upon the affirmative vote of the electors of both fire districts. Municipal Government*

**H-8299**      **CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** (Ackerman) *This act would establish that membership on the Cumberland Fire District Fire Committee constitutes holding a public office and that the elections of the Fire Committee are governed by state election laws. Judiciary*

**H-8349**      **STONE BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING** (Edwards & Others) *This act would move the annual meeting of the district from June to July, and conform the notice requirements to those prescribed by statute, requiring posting on the secretary of state's website. Municipal Government*

**S-2135**      **BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Kettle & Raptakis) *This act would remove fire districts from budget commission oversight. Finance*

**S-2417**      **CHARTER AMENDMENTS-DISTRICT VOTING** (Raptakis & Kettle) *This act would amend the charters of the Coventry Fire District and the Central Coventry Fire District to provide that no vote at a meeting of either district would have effect unless at the time of the vote not less than two percent (2%) of those eligible to vote are present and voting. Judiciary*

**S-2436**      **BUDGET COMMISSION-REIMBURSEMENT** (Raptakis & Kettle) *This act would require the state to reimburse Central Coventry Fire District for all costs associated with compliance with Pub L. 2014, ch.31. Finance*

**S-2870**      **OPEN MEETINGS** (Felag) *This act would exempt fire companies with no tax and/or policy making authority from certain posting requirements of the open meetings act. Finance*

**S-2974A**      **CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** (Pearson & Picard) *This act would establish that membership on the Cumberland Fire District Fire Committee constitutes holding a public office and that the elections of the Fire Committee are governed by state election laws. Judiciary*

**S-3014**      **FIRE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP** (Pearson & Picard) *This act would establish that membership on a fire committee be considered a "public office". Judiciary*

**S-3091**      **STONE BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING** (Felag & Others) *This act would move the annual meeting of the district from June to July, and conform the notice requirements to those prescribed by statute, requiring posting on the secretary of state's website. Senate Calendar*

## HOUSING

**H-7552**      **CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT-AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Slater & Others) This act would provide for a bond referendum which would authorize the issuance of bonds for Affordable Housing in the amount of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000), at the election to be held in November, 2016. Finance

**H-7599**      **FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES** (Williams & Others) This act would prohibit discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income. Judiciary

**H-7985**      **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING-MINIMUM UNIT GOALS** (Morin & Others) This act would encourage those cities and towns that have failed to meet their low and moderate housing unit minimum goals to meet those goals and would establish penalties for failing to meet those goals. It would also allow those municipalities that have met their goal, to sell their excess housing unit credits to under-performing affordable housing unit communities. Finance

**H-7989A**      **LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION-LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ACT** (Maldonado & Others) This resolution would create a fourteen (14) member special legislative study commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study on implementation of the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act in the State of Rhode Island, and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later than February 11, 2017, and whose life would expire on June 11, 2017. Municipal Government

**H-8014**      **LOW OR MODERATE INCOME HOUSING DEFINED** (Kennedy & Others) This act would change the definition of low or moderate income housing existing, in the case of an urban city or town, to three thousand (3,000) occupied year-round rental units. Municipal Government

**S-2446**      **CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT-AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Pichardo & Others) This act would provide for a bond referendum which would authorize the issuance of bonds for Affordable Housing in the amount of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000), at the election to be held in November, 2016. Finance

**S-2624**      **PUBLIC HOUSING-SMOKING PROHIBITED** (Raptakis & Others) This act would prohibit smoking in public housing authority units and all common areas and would require a designated outdoor smoking space at least fifty feet (50') from entrance doors, windows, mailboxes, and parking areas. Health & Human Services

**S-2706**      **FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES** (Metts & Others) This act would prohibit discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income. Judiciary

**S-2876A**      **LOW OR MODERATE INCOME HOUSING DEFINED** (Algiere) This act would change the definition of low or moderate income housing existing, in the case of an urban city or town, to three thousand (3,000) occupied year-round rental units. Housing & Municipal Government

## LABOR RELATIONS

**H-7328**      **THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND EMERGENCY TECHNICIAN PROTECTION ACT** (Garrison & Others) This act would protect volunteer firefighters and emergency technicians and clarify the judicial procedure required to remedy employer violations. Labor

**H-7466**      **CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would require that all contractual provisions contained in an expired collective bargaining agreement with certified school teachers and municipal employees continue until a successor agreement has been reached between the parties. Labor

**H-7565**      **FIREFIGHTER/POLICE ARBITRATION-EFFECTIVENESS OF PRIOR AGREEMENTS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would provide in the case of firefighters' and municipal police arbitration, that all provisions contained in a prior collective bargaining agreement continue until such time as a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

**H-7566**      **FIREFIGHTER ARBITRATION-NOTICE REQUIREMENTS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would require that when wages or rates of pay for firefighters require an appropriation of money by a municipality and are subject to collective bargaining, the bargaining agent would be required to serve written notice of a request for collective bargaining at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement. Labor

**H-7567**      **POLICE ARBITRATION-DURATION OF BARGAINING** (Carnevale & Others) This act would authorize the parties to a police collective bargaining agreement to extend the period during which they meet by written agreement. Labor

**H-7568**      **POLICE ARBITRATION-REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION** (Carnevale & Others) This act would change the last day upon which a bargaining agent for municipal police arbitration may make written request to the corporate authorities for collective bargaining from one hundred twenty (120) days before the last day on which money can be appropriated by the city or town to cover the contract period which is the subject of the collective bargaining procedure, to one hundred twenty (120) days before the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement. Labor

**H-7569**      **FIREFIGHTER ARBITRATION-DURATION OF BARGAINING** (Carnevale & Others) This act would allow parties to a firefighters' contract negotiation to extend the thirty (30) day bargaining period before submitting unresolved issues to arbitration. Labor

**S-2548**      **FIREFIGHTER ARBITRATION-DURATION OF BARGAINING** (Goodwin & Others) This act would allow parties to a firefighters' contract negotiation to extend the thirty (30) day bargaining period before submitting unresolved issues to arbitration. Labor

**S-2570**      **POLICE ARBITRATION-REQUEST FOR ARBITRATION** (Archambault & Others) This act would change the last day upon which a bargaining agent for a municipal police arbitration may make written request to the corporate authorities for collective bargaining from one hundred twenty (120) days before the last day on which money can be appropriated by the city or town to cover the contract period which is the subject of

*the collective bargaining procedure, to one hundred twenty (120) days before the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement. Labor*

**S-2585**      ***POLICE ARBITRATION-DURATION OF BARGAINING*** (Lombardi & Others) *This act would authorize the parties to a police collective bargaining agreement to extend the period during which they meet by written agreement. Labor*

**S-2618**      ***FIREFIGHTER ARBITRATION-NOTICE REQUIREMENTS*** (Lombardi & Others) *This act would require that when wages or rates of pay for firefighters require an appropriation of money by a municipality and are subject to collective bargaining, the bargaining agent would be required to serve written notice of a request for collective bargaining at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement. Labor*

**S-2733**      ***THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND EMERGENCY TECHNICIAN PROTECTION ACT*** (Sosnowski & Gee) *This act would protect volunteer firefighters and emergency technicians and clarify the judicial procedure required to remedy employer violations. Labor*

## **LIQUOR CONTROL & LICENSES**

**H-7007A**      **LICENSING OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS** (Tobon & Others) This act would enable any city or town by ordinance to regulate the opening of, the presence of, the location, and the operation of any massage business or parlor or business offering massage services, within the municipality. Corporations

**H-7266**      **DISTILLERIES-LICENSING FEES/TAX EXEMPTIONS** (Abney & Others) This act would provide that a distillery producing more than fifty thousand (50,000) gallons or more of product would pay a licensing fee of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) but one that produces less than fifty thousand (50,000) gallons per year would pay a licensing fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) per year. It would also grant a tax exemption on the first fifty thousand (50,000) gallons of distilled spirits produced and distributed in this state to any distillery that has been owned and operated in this state for at least twelve (12) consecutive months. Finance

**H-7303**      **SALE BY MANUFACTURERS /LICENSING** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of a manufacturer of said beverages, and would allow the sale of said beverages for off-premise consumption. It would also amend the fee schedule for licenses. Corporations

**H-7469Aaa**      **SALE TO MANUFACTURERS OF FOOD PRODUCTS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would create a retailer's Class WB license to purchase from a licensed wholesaler a minimum of five hundred (500) gallons of wine, up to a maximum of two thousand (2,000) gallons of wine per year, for use in the wholesale manufacture of wine biscuits. Corporations

**H-7499**      **WINE SAMPLING** (Carnevale & Others) This act would permit class A liquor retail license holders to elect on one occasion annually, during the month of November only, to serve unlimited samples of wine products which are available for purchase from the licensee's outlet. Corporations

**H-7620**      **WINE DIRECT SHIPPERS LICENSE** ( Newberry & Others) 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 with oversight by the department of business regulation and/or the division of taxation. Any person that ships, transports, or receives a shipment would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) and/or imprisonment for a period of up to one year. Corporations

**H-7705**      **SALE BY MANUFACTURERS /LICENSING** (Solomon & Others) This act would allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages on the premises of a manufacturer of said beverages and would allow the sale of said beverages for off-premises consumption. It would also amend the fee schedule for these licenses. Corporations

**H-8068**      **WINE DIRECT SHIPPERS LICENSE** (Casey & Others) This act would create a wine direct shipper license and a wine gift basket license allowing for the shipment of certain amounts of wine both in and out-of-state. Corporations

**H-8100B**      **RETAIL SALE BY MANUFACTURERS** (Morin & Others) This act would authorize the holder of an alcoholic beverage manufacturer license to sell a limited amount of malt beverages and distilled spirits for consumption on and off the licensed premises. Corporations

**S-2070**      ***DISTILLERY LICENSING FEES*** (DiPalma & Algieri) *This act would provide that a distillery producing more than fifty thousand (50,000) gallons or more of product would pay a licensing fee of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) but one that produces less than fifty thousand (50,000) gallons per year would pay a licensing fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) per year. It would also grant a tax exemption on the first fifty thousand (50,000) gallons of distilled spirits produced and distributed in this state to any distillery that has been owned and operated in this state for at least twelve (12) consecutive months. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs*

**S-2072**      ***WINE DIRECT SHIPPERS LICENSE*** (Satchell & Others) *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, with oversight by the department of business regulation and the division of taxation. Violations of this act would be punishable as a misdemeanor, with a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and/or imprisonment for a period of up to one year. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs*

**S-2075A**      ***CLASS WB LICENSE*** (Ruggiero & Others) *This act would create a retailer's Class WB license to purchase from a licensed wholesaler a minimum of five hundred (500) gallons of wine, up to a maximum of two thousand (2,000) gallons of wine per year, for use in the wholesale manufacture of wine biscuits. The holder of said license would be required to inform the department of business regulation as to the actual amount of wine purchased on an annual basis. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs*

**S-2244**      ***RETAIL LICENSES-PROXIMITY TO SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES*** (Fogarty & Others) *This act would provide that on and after July 1, 2016, any city or town council would have the authority to exempt said city or town from the prohibition against the issuance of certain alcoholic beverage licenses within two hundred (200') feet of a school or place of public worship. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs*

**S-2382**      ***SALE BY MANUFACTURERS*** (Algieri & Others) *This act would permit holders of a manufacturer's license to sell at retail alcoholic beverages manufactured on their location for on-site and off-site consumption. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs*

**S-2651**      ***SALE TO MANUFACTURERS OF FOOD PRODUCTS*** (Lombardi & Others) *This act would authorize the holder of a wholesaler's Class C license to sell alcohol to manufacturers of food products in connection with the manufacture of such products. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs*

**S-2699**      ***LICENSING OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS*** (Doyle) *This act would enable any city or town by ordinance to regulate the opening of, the presence of, the location, and the operation of any massage business or parlor or business offering massage services, within the municipality. Health & Human Services*

**S-2703**      ***WINE SAMPLING*** (Gallo & 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-2751**      ***ITINERANT VENDOR LICENSING-REPEAL*** (Lombardi & Others) *This act would repeal the chapter of the general laws regulating itinerant vendors and their various licensing requirements, responsibilities, and duties. Finance*

**S-2772**      **WINE SAMPLING** (Gallo & Others) This act would permit class A liquor retail license holders to elect on one occasion annually, during the month of November only, to serve unlimited samples of wine products which are available for purchase from the licensee's outlet. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

**S-2855A**      **LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE** (Nesslebush & Others) This act would require that any applicant or holder of any retail license for the sale of alcoholic beverages be required to file with the application a certificate of insurance evidencing comprehensive, general-liability and liquor-liability coverage in the minimum amount of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for bodily or personal injury and one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for property damage. This act would also provide that failure to maintain such insurance would result in a revocation of the retail license, unless the holder of the license reinstates insurance coverage within forty-eight (48) hours of notice of revocation. The certificate of insurance would also provide that the insurance may not be modified or cancelled, unless thirty (30) days prior notice is given to the licensing authority. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

**S-3053A**      **SALE BY MANUFACTURERS** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would allow the holder of an alcoholic beverage manufacturer license to sell a limited amount of malt beverages and distilled spirits for consumption on and off the licensed premises. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

**H-7107**      **STATE GUIDE PLAN ZONING RESTRICTIONS** (Price & Others) This act would prohibit certain affordable housing programs with requirements that exceed those set forth in the general laws of the state or ordinances of the cities and towns from being included in the statewide planning program. Finance

**H-7456**      **ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS** (Winfield & Others) This act would allow an accessory family dwelling unit in an owner-occupied single family residence to be permitted as a reasonable accommodation for family members who are sixty-two (62) years of age or older. Judiciary

**H-7651**      **CALCULATION OF BUILDABLE LOTS** (Shekarchi & McEntee) This act would provide that wetland buffers not be excluded from the calculation of buildable lot areas, minimum lot sizes or in the calculation of buildable lots or units. Municipal Government

**H-7695A**      **BUILDING HEIGHT/FREEBOARD DEFINED** (Shekarchi) This act would amend the definition of "building height" and define the term "freeboard" in the Zoning Enabling Act to account for obstacles to construction in flood zone areas and to encourage safe and stable design for those structures. Municipal Government

**H-7696A**      **COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE** (Fogarty & Others) This act would extend the date for comprehensive land use plans to be brought into conformance with the provisions of the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act to June 1, 2017. Municipal Government

**H-7699**      **ZONING APPEALS** (DeSimone & Others) This act would amend timeframes and procedures for appeals in the zoning enabling act and land development and subdivision review enabling act, and would also shorten the time for, and number of, appeals during the planning board of review process. Municipal Government

**H-7833A**      **UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would amend the provisions of the law pertaining to subdivisions and zoning ordinances to provide for unified development review. Municipal Government

**H-8101**      **FLOOD PLAIN DEVELOPMENT TRAINING** (Carson & Others) This act would require that members of local planning boards and commissions receive two (2) hours of training on issues related to development in flood plains and the effects of sea level rise once every two (2) years.

**S-2212**      **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING-MOBILE/MANUFACTURED HOMES** (Fogarty & 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. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2227**      **PLANT AGRICULTURE DEFINED** (Pagliarini & Others) This act would exclude the growing, cultivation, acquisition, production and/or processing of marijuana, for distribution or retail sale from the definition of "plant agriculture" under chapter 24 of title 45 relating to towns and cities -- zoning ordinances, and would prohibit any town or city from passing any ordinance which would allow such activity. Judiciary

**S-2297**      **ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS** (Picard) This act would allow an accessory family dwelling unit in an owner-occupied single family residence to be permitted as a reasonable accommodation for family members who are sixty-two (62) years of age or older. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2500**      **ZONING APPEALS** (McCaffrey & Lombardi) This act would amend timeframes and procedures for appeals in the zoning enabling act and land development and subdivision review enabling act, and would also shorten the time for, and number of, appeals during the planning board of review process. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2561A**      **BUILDING HEIGHT/FREEBOARD DEFINED** (McCaffrey & Lombardi) This act would amend the definition of "building height" and define the term "freeboard" in the Zoning Enabling Act to account for obstacles to construction in flood zone areas and to encourage safe and stable design for those structures. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2581A**      **COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND LAND USE** (Sosnowski & Crowley) This act would extend the date for comprehensive land use plans to be brought into conformance with the provisions of the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act to June 1, 2017. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2591Aaa**      **CALCULATION OF BUILDABLE LOTS** (McCaffrey & Lombardi) This act would provide that wetland buffers would be included in the calculation of buildable lot areas, minimum lot sizes and in the calculation of buildable lots or units. Environment & Agriculture

**S-2625**      **STATE GUIDE PLAN ZONING RESTRICTIONS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would prohibit certain affordable housing programs with requirements that exceed those set forth in the general laws of the state or ordinances of the cities and towns from being included in the statewide planning program. Housing & Municipal Government

**S-2829**      **UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW** (Goodwin) This act would amend the provisions of the law pertaining to subdivisions and zoning ordinances to provide for unified development review. Judiciary

**S-2882**      **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** (DiPalma) This act would provide for an expedited procedure for zoning variances to help manage various states of emergency. Judiciary

**PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE & FIRE)**

**H-7026A**      **POWDERED ALCOHOL** (Carson & Others) This act would make it unlawful to sell or provide powdered alcohol to any person under the age of twenty-one (21), would create a floor stock tax for powdered alcohol, and would also be unlawful for a person under the age of twenty-one (21) to possess powdered alcohol. The act would also provide exceptions where powdered alcohol is used for religious purposes or bona fide research. Judiciary

**H-7059**      **TRAINING STANDARDS –DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES** (Lombardi & Others) This act would require mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding, and handling all incidents involving any person with a developmental disability. H.E.W

**H-7060**      **TRAINING STANDARDS-MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY** (Lombardi & Others) This act would require for Police Officer Commission on Standards and Training to establish mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees in all incidents involving mental health literacy. H.E.W

**H-7064**      **POWDERED CAFFEINE** (Bennett & Others) This act would prohibit the sale of powdered caffeine to any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age and would prohibit the possession of powdered caffeine by anyone in that age group. Penalties would include fines and imprisonment for subsequent offenses and fines and counseling for those found in possession. H.E.W.

**H-7090**      **MOTOR VEHICLES-UNATTENDED CHILDREN** (Serpa) This act would make it an offense to leave a child under seven (7) years of age unattended in a motor vehicle, punishable by a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and possible suspension of license not to exceed three (3) years. Judiciary

**H-7092**      **ASSAULT OF POLICE OFFICERS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would raise the maximum penalties for the crime of assault of police officers and other officials from three (3) to six (6) years imprisonment and from one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to three thousand dollars (\$3,000). Judiciary

**H-7093**      **GUN PERMITS** (Fellela & Others) This act would provide for automatic renewal of a gun permit or license. Judiciary

**H-7167A**      **TRACKING OF CELLPHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES** (Ajello & Others) This act would require a warrant prior to obtaining location or other information from a service provider for cellular devices. This act would also establish exceptions, including emergencies and consent of the owner, and would impose various notice requirements. Judiciary

**H-7168**      **MOBILE PHONE USE** (Fogarty & Others) This act would prohibit the use of a non-hands-free personal wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel or in an emergency situation, and would provide for monetary fines for violations. Judiciary

**H-7177**      **ELECTRONIC VEHICLE RECOVERY** (Tobon & Others) This act would create the "Electronic Vehicle Recovery Services Act" which would require that vehicle owners with electronic vehicle recovery systems in their vehicles submit an affidavit attesting to the theft of their motor vehicle prior to law enforcement contacting the recovery service provider for assistance in locating the vehicle. Judiciary

**H-7198**      **BODY CAMERAS** (Almeida & Others) This act would mandate protocols for the use of police-worn body cameras by those law enforcement agencies which choose to require their use. Judiciary

**H-7199**      **AMMUNITION FEEDING DEVICES** (Regunberg & Others) This act would criminalize the manufacture, import, possession, purchase, sale or transfer of any ammunition feeding device capable of accepting more than ten (10) rounds. Judiciary

**H-7243**      **FIREARMS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS** (Ajello & Others) This act would provide that only peace officers and persons approved by the school authorities for the purposes of educational instruction may carry firearms or other weapons on school grounds. Judiciary

**H-7259**      **TRAINING STANDARDS-MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE EMERGENCIES** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would require the commission on standards and training to provide training and instructions for police officers and trainees in order to more accurately identify complaints involving mental health/substance abuse emergencies and to develop law enforcement responses to such emergencies. H.E.W

**H-7283A**      **FIREARM POSSESSION-CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS** (Amore & Others) This act would require that any person convicted of a felony domestic offense be ordered by the court to surrender all firearm(s) in their possession, care, custody or control to either the state or local police, or federally licensed firearms dealer and that they file proof of surrender of those firearms with the court having jurisdiction over the case Judiciary

**H-7318A**      **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Craven & Others) This act would add §§11-67-2 ("involuntary servitude"), 11-67-3 ("trafficking of persons for forced labor or commercial sexual activity"), and 11-67-6 ("sex trafficking of a minor") to those offenses that are considered registerable offenses under chapter 37.1 of title 11 ("sexual offender registration and community notification"). Judiciary

**H-7390A**      **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS-APPEAL/JUDICIAL REVIEW** (Lima & Others) This act would require timely review of any application for a permit to carry a concealed weapon and would allow judicial review of adverse administrative decisions regarding such applications. It would also codify applications to the attorney general. Judiciary

**H-7414**      **ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would create the "Animal Abuser Registry Act" which would require all persons convicted of animal abuse to register with an online registry to be established and maintained by the attorney general's office. Judiciary

**H-7418**      **ELECTRONIC TRACKING DEVICES** (Almeida & Others) This act would provide for a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine for first and second convictions for willful trespass, in addition to fines of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for third or subsequent convictions. Judiciary

**H-7422**      **EMERGENCY POLICE POWERS** (Regunberg & Others) This act would amend the provisions of the general laws which regulate emergency police powers to include other municipal police officers as being subject to the authority of the requesting police chief, and would authorize campus police officers and municipal police departments to enter into mutual aid agreements which would allow campus police to respond to requests for assistance within the city or town in which they are located. Any mutual aid agreements would need to be approved by the city or town council prior to entering into the agreement. Judiciary

**H-7423**      **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS-JURISDICTION** (Regunberg & Others) This act would set forth the jurisdiction of special police officers on public streets and highway corridors between land areas and/or buildings owned by educational institutions. Judiciary

**H-7445**      **PEACE OFFICER DEFINED** (Jacquard & Others) This act would designate certain program workers and shift coordinators at the training school as peace officers while on duty. Judiciary

**H-7484**      **CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (Marcello & Others) This act would establish crimes against the public trust and criminal penalties and civil damages for illegal trust offenses. It would set a ten (10) year criminal statute of limitations and provide for possible pension revocation or reduction for any job-related felony. Judiciary

**H-7504**      **RELIEF TO INJURED/DECEASED POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Almeida & Others) This act would add campus police officers to the group of public safety officials eligible to collect salary, wages, and benefits during periods of whole or partial incapacitation incurred while on-duty, or while providing emergency assistance within the state while off-duty. Labor

**H-7518**      **PRESCRIPTION DRUG DATABASES** (McNamara & Others) This act would remove the requirement that information contained in any prescription drug monitoring database maintained by the department of health be provided to law enforcement authorities only pursuant to a valid search warrant, and would instead permit disclosure of said information to such authorities if in connection with a bona fide specific investigation. H.E.W.

**H-7525**      **WEAPONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS** (MacBeth & Others) This act would provide that no student of any school would have in their possession a knife of any length and of any description on school grounds. The act would also give a building or district administrator, or a school committee, authority to exercise their discretion to make exceptions to this prohibition for various academic and culinary purposes. The act would also define what a knife is for purposes of this law and provides that violations of the law constitute a misdemeanor. Judiciary

**H-7526**      **HOTELS-PATRON IDENTIFICATION** (Trillo & Costa) This act would require hotel operators to provide requesting law enforcement agencies with certain identifying information regarding patrons. Judiciary

**H-7535**      **FIREARMS-POSSESSION BY A MINOR** (Diaz & Others) This act would criminalize the mere possession of a firearm by a minor, but would provide for limited exceptions while the minor is in the presence of a qualified adult or participating in certain competitive or ceremonial events. Judiciary

**H-7541**      **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS** (Ucci & Others) This act would allow individuals with concealed carry permits issued by Massachusetts, Connecticut and any other state with a live fire requirement to carry concealed firearms within this state. Judiciary

**H-7575**      **SURRENDER OF FIREARMS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would require the surrender of firearms to law enforcement agencies after conviction of certain domestic violence offenses. This act would be known as "The Protect Rhode Island Families Act". Judiciary

**H-7576**      **DISTRIBUTION OF DESCRIPTIONS UPON REQUEST** (Williams & Others) This act would provide that law enforcement agencies may distribute and make public upon request from any person, the general

*description along with age, weight, height and photographs of individuals convicted of certain offenses, including burglary, breaking and entering, robbery offenses, larceny from a person and stolen motor vehicle offenses. Judiciary*

**H-7609**      **PEACE OFFICER DEFINED** (*Abney & Others*) *This act would add inspectors of the public utilities commission and division of motor carriers to the definition of "peace officers" with arrest powers. Judiciary*

**H-7681**      **PEN REGISTERS/ TRAP & TRACE DEVICES** (*Filippi & Others*) *This act would prohibit the use of a stingray cell-site simulator device by any law enforcement agency except upon application for its use and the granting of its order by the presiding justice of the superior court. Judiciary*

**H-7707**      **IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION-DATA BREACHES** (*Ruggiero & Others*) *This act would reduce the time a person or governmental agency who stores personal information has to disclose a breach of that information's security from forty-five (45) days to fourteen (14) days and specifies that breaches affecting more than five hundred (500) people must be reported to the Attorney General and the major credit bureaus within twenty-four (24) hours. Finance*

**H-7799**      **IDENTIFICATION OF FIREARMS** (*Maldonado & Others*) *This act would include orange or otherwise brightly colored plugs or tips inserted into the barrel of any firearm into the definition of "mark of identification" for those persons who change, alter, remove, or obliterate any mark of identification on a firearm. Judiciary*

**H-7850**      **POSSESSION OF SHOTGUNS & RIFLES/CONVEYANCE OF FIREARMS** (*Diaz & Others*) *This act would make it unlawful to carry a rifle or shotgun in a vehicle or on one's person, visible or concealed, except at one's residence, place of business or land, and would further create penalties for the unlawful conveyance of a firearm to a person under the age of eighteen (18) that is used in a violent crime of violence. Judiciary*

**H-7853**      **SALE OR TRANSFER OF FIREARMS** (*Johnston & Canario*) *This act would provide that no person, entity, or dealer shall sell, loan, transfer or acquire a firearm from any person, entity or dealer with the intent to avoid the application/disclosure process required by §§11-47-35 or 11-47-35.2. The act of loaning or transferring a gun to a person who may lawfully possess a gun for lawful purposes such as hunting or target shooting would be exempt from this prohibition. Judiciary*

**H-8024**      **ASSAULTS AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS** (*Azzinaro & Others*) *This act would recognize members of the United States Armed Forces as a group in assaults on police officers and officials. It would also be considered murder in the first degree whereby any member of the United States Armed Forces is killed in the performance of their duty. If any member of the United States Armed Forces is deliberately endangered or injured by the discharge of a firearm, the person committing the offense would be guilty of a felony. Lastly, any person who uses a bullet to cause injury or death to any member of the United States Armed Forces would be sentenced to life imprisonment. Judiciary*

**H-8047**      **CONCEALED FIREARMS-RISPCA** (*Amore & Hearn*) *This act would require and general agents or special agents for Rhode Island Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals to apply and have a permit to carry a concealed firearm before doing so in the execution of their duties. Judiciary*

**H-8048A**      **LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION-TOWING STORAGE ACT** (Tanzi & McEntee) This resolution would create a seven (7) member special legislative study commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study and provide recommendations on the Towing Storage Act's provisions relative to police seizures of vehicles, and who would report back to the House of Representatives no later than January 4, 2017, and whose life would expire 5 on March 4, 2017. Judiciary

**H-8257**      **STUN GUN PERMITS** (Lima and Fellela) This act would permit the possession of a stun-gun under the same license conditions which apply to possession of a pistol. Judiciary

**H-8302**      **RELIEF OF INJURED & DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS/POLICE** (Jacquard & Others) This act would provide that firefighters who die as victims of homicide while still members, although not in the performance of active duty, be eligible for the same benefits as those killed on duty. Finance

**H-8310**      **UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE POLICE OFFICERS** (Fogarty & Others) This act would include armed college and university police officers of the state colleges among the class of individuals who are subject to control by the personnel administrator or by any officer or board other than the council on post-secondary education. Labor

**H-8327**      **ALCOHOL INHALATION DEVICES** (Bennett & Others) This act would make the possession of an alcohol without liquid device a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. H.E.W

**S-2056aa**      **POWDERED CAFFEINE** (Crowley & Others) This act would prohibit the sale of powdered caffeine to any person under the age of eighteen (18) and the possession of powdered caffeine by anyone under eighteen (18). This act would also prohibit the possession of powdered caffeine by any person while on a school premises or public playground. Penalties would include fines and imprisonment for subsequent offenses and community service and counseling for minors found in possession. Judiciary

**S-2059**      **POWDERED ALCOHOL** (Lombardo & Others) This act would make the possession, purchase, or sale of powdered alcohol a crime punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Judiciary

**S-2061**      **ALCOHOL INHALATION DEVICES** (Crowley & Others) This act would make the possession of an alcohol without liquid device a crime punishable by a fine and/or imprisonment. Judiciary

**S-2063**      **SEXUAL ASSAULT-EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS** (Crowley & Others) This act would require law enforcement agencies to provide to the attorney general a report identifying and describing any untested sexual assault evidence collection kits, and would require the attorney general to submit to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives a plan for addressing any backlog of such kits. This act would also require that all sexual assault evidence collection kits be turned over to an appropriate laboratory within seventy-two (72) hours of the kit being administered, and would require laboratories to return the results of such testing within one hundred eighty (180) days after the submission of such kits. Judiciary

**S-2109**      **ANIMAL CONFINEMENT IN MOTOR VEHICLES** (Archambault & Others) This act would authorize a law enforcement or animal control officer to hold an animal confined in a motor vehicle up to seventy-two (72) hours pending a district court hearing as to medical costs, fees, charges, and/or surrender of physical possession and ownership of the animal. Judiciary

**S-2118A**      **EMERGENCY POLICE POWERS** (Goldin) This act would amend the provisions of the general laws delineating emergency police powers to include other municipal police officers who would be subject to the authority of the requesting police chief, and would authorize campus police officers, special police officers, and municipal police departments to enter into mutual aid agreements which would allow campus police to respond to requests for assistance within the city or town in which they are located. Any mutual aid agreements must be approved by the city or town council prior to being executed. Judiciary

**S-2119**      **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS-JURISDICTION** (Goldin) This act would set forth the jurisdiction of special police officers on educational institutions and upon the land and buildings thereof and would clarify and limit their jurisdiction to instances where the officer views a person or persons in danger of imminent, immediate bodily harm, on public streets and highway corridors between land areas and/or buildings owned by these educational institutions Judiciary

**S-2226**      **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-2230**      **UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES** (Kettle & Morgan) This act would prohibit law enforcement from using unmanned aerial vehicles without a proper warrant. Judiciary

**S-2232**      **MOBILE PHONE USE** (Ciccone & Others) This act would require that operators of motor vehicles use only hands-free mobile electronic communication devices and would provide for monetary penalties for violations of said requirement. Judiciary

**S-2255**      **MOBILE PHONE USE** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would prohibit the use of a non-hands-free personal wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle, except for public safety personnel or in an emergency situation, and would provide for monetary fines for violations. Judiciary

**S-2319A**      **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION/NOTIFICATION** (Lombardi & Others) This act would provide that sex offenders register their presence and status with any homeless shelter at which they may temporarily stay and would provide that said shelters notify the local law enforcement agency of the presence of said offenders within one hour of the offender signing in for any portion of the day or night. Judiciary

**S-2327**      **RELIEF TO INJURED/DECEASED POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Archambault) This act would add campus police officers to the group of public safety officials eligible to collect salary, wages, and benefits during periods of whole or partial incapacitation incurred while on-duty, or while providing emergency assistance within the state while off-duty. Labor

**S-2401**      **TRAINING STANDARDS-MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE** (Archambault & Others) This act would require the commission on standards and training to provide training and instructions for police officers and trainees in order to more accurately identify complaints involving mental health/substance abuse emergencies and to develop law enforcement responses to such emergencies. Judiciary

**S-2403A**      **CELL PHONE TRACKING** (Nesslebusch & Others) This act would require a warrant prior to obtaining location or other information from a service provider for cellular devices. This act would also establish exceptions, including emergencies and consent of the owner, and would impose various notice requirements. Judiciary

**S-2416**      **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS** (Pagliarini & Others) This act would specifically allow individuals who possess a valid concealed weapon permit issued by Massachusetts, Connecticut, or Utah to carry a concealed firearm everywhere within Rhode Island. Judiciary

**S-2491**      **FIREARM POSSESSION-CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS** (Coyne & Others) This act would prohibit any person subject to a domestic assault/domestic abuse restraining order conviction of a felony offense for domestic violence, and serving a sentence under community confinement, from owning or carrying a firearm. Judiciary

**S-2492A**      **SURRENDER OF FIREARMS** (Coyne & Others) This act would require that any person convicted of a felony domestic offense be ordered by the court to surrender all firearm(s) in their possession, care, custody or control to either the state or local police, or federally licensed firearms dealer and that they file proof of surrender of those firearms with the court having jurisdiction over the case. Judiciary

**S-2516A**      **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION/NOTIFICATION** (Goodwin & Other) This act would add §§11-67-2 ("involuntary servitude"), 11-67-3 ("trafficking of persons for forced labor or commercial sexual activity"), and 11-67-6 ("sex trafficking of a minor") to those offenses that are considered registerable offenses under chapter 37.1 of title 11 ("sexual offender registration and community notification"). Judiciary

**S-2517**      **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS** (Goodwin & Others) This act would prohibit those convicted of a misdemeanor offense under the "Domestic Violence Prevention Act" from possessing a firearm for a period of ten (10) years after the expiration of their sentence. Judiciary

**S-2519**      **IDENTIFICATION OF FIREARMS** (Goodwin & Others) This act would include orange or otherwise brightly colored plugs or tips inserted into the barrel of any firearm into the definition of "mark of identification" for those persons who change, alter, remove, or obliterate any mark of identification on a firearm. Judiciary

**S-2523**      **THEFT OF HONEST SERVICES** (Lombardi & Others) This act would criminalize certain behaviors, including bribery, selling political endorsements and theft of honest services, by public employees. The act would also provide for the revocation or reduction of possible personal benefits for any felony related to public office or employment. Judiciary

**S-2563**      **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS** (Goldin & Others) This act would require that every person applying for a concealed weapons permit, whether through the local police department or through the office of the attorney general, to undergo a national criminal records check, including the submission of fingerprints for which the applicant shall bear the cost. Judiciary

**S-2564**      **SALE OF FIREARMS** (Miller & Others) This act would provide that no person, entity, or dealer shall sell, loan, transfer or acquire a firearm from any person, entity or dealer with the intent to avoid the application/disclosure process required by §§11-47-35 or 11-47-35.2. The act of loaning or transferring a gun to a person who may lawfully possess a gun for lawful purposes such as hunting or target shooting would be exempt from this prohibition. Judiciary

**S-2565**      **POSSESSION OF SHOTGUNS & RIFLES-CONVEYANCE OF FIREARMS** (Miller & Others) This act would make it unlawful to carry a rifle or shotgun in a vehicle or on one's person, visible or

concealed, except at one's residence, place of business or land, and would further create penalties for the unlawful conveyance of a firearm to a person under the age of eighteen (18) that is used in a violent crime of violence. Judiciary

**S-2600**      **IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION-DATA BREACHES** (DiPalma & Others) This act would reduce the time a person or governmental agency who stores personal information has to disclose a breach of that information's security from forty-five (45) days to fourteen (14) days and specifies that breaches affecting more than five hundred (500) people must be reported to the Attorney General and the major credit bureaus within twenty-four (24) hours. Judiciary

**S-2645**      **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS** (Metts) This act would criminalize the mere possession of a firearm by a minor, but would provide for limited exceptions while the minor is in the presence of a qualified adult or participating in certain competitive or ceremonial events. Judiciary

**S-2647**      **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS-APPEAL/JUDICIAL REVIEW** (Lombardo & Others) This act would amend the application process for carrying a concealed weapon and would set forth the requirements on each application, whether to the city or town police chief or to the attorney general and would also codify the requirements used by the attorney general in issuing a concealed weapon permit. It would also provide for a review process for those applications that are denied and would set time limits on the approval or denial process. Judiciary

**S-2713**      **PRESCRIPTION DRUG DATABASES** (Conley & Others) This act would remove the requirement that information contained in any prescription drug monitoring database maintained by the department of health be provided to law enforcement authorities only pursuant to a valid search warrant, and would instead permit disclosure of said information to such authorities if in connection with a bona fide specific investigation. Judiciary

**S-2730**      **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS** (Goodwin & Gallo) This act would preclude those convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence crimes under §12-29-2 from purchasing, possessing, owning, or transporting a firearm. Convictions for petty misdemeanors would not be included in this prohibition. This act would not apply to those who have been pardoned or who have had said convictions expunged or otherwise set aside. Judiciary

**S-2761**      **WEAPONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS** (Metts) This act would provide that only peace officers and persons approved by the school authorities for the purposes of educational instruction may carry firearms or other weapons on school grounds. Judiciary

**S-2765**      **SMOKING-VERBAL WARNINGS** (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. Judiciary

**S-2767**      **POSSESSION/SURRENDER OF FIREARMS** (Metts) This act would prohibit any person convicted of a crime of domestic violence or one subject to a restraining order, from possessing, transporting, carrying or owning a firearm and would provide that such person surrender any firearms so possessed or owned to the RI state police, the local police or a federally licensed firearms dealer while the restraining order is in effect. It would also require that the courts with jurisdiction over the criminal case or restraining order inform the person so restrained about their prohibited status and would allow for the return of any firearms to the person so restrained upon termination of the restraining order. Judiciary

**S-2835**      **AMMUNITION FEEDING DEVICES** (Goldin & Others) This act would criminalize the manufacture, import, possession, purchase, sale or transfer of any ammunition feeding device capable of accepting more than ten (10) rounds known as high capacity magazines. Judiciary

**S-2842**      **PEACE OFFICER DEFINED** (DiPalma) This act would include inspectors of the public utilities commission and division of motor carriers in the definition of peace officers. Judiciary

**S-2843**      **ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY** (Cicccone & Walaska) This act would create an animal abuser registry and would provide for penalties for failure to register. Judiciary

**S-2880**      **STRIP/ BODY CAVITY SEARCHES** (Conley & Others) This act would promulgate standards of probable cause and/or reasonable suspicion before a detainee, arrestee, or any individual in the custody and control of law enforcement can be subjected to a strip search or a body cavity search, and would establish procedures to be followed before any strip search or body cavity search can be conducted. This act would not apply to those individuals in the custody, care, or control of the adult correctional institution or the Wyatt detention center. Judiciary

**S-2973**      **CLOSE PURSUIT** (DiPalma) This act would permit police officers in one municipality to pursue a vehicle into another municipality for any suspected violation of the motor vehicle code, including non-arrestable offenses, and would grant them the same powers as an officer of that municipality. Judiciary

**S-3002**      **SATISFACTION OF TOWING FEES** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would require that motor vehicles lawfully seized by police officers for investigation or for lack of registration not be released to their owners until the towing charges are paid or valid registration certificates are produced. Judiciary

**S-3097**      **RELIEF OF INJURED FIREFIGHTERS & POLICE** (Gallo) This act would provide that firefighters who die as victims of homicide while still members, although not in the performance of active duty, be eligible for the same benefits as those killed on duty. Finance

## **RETIREMENT**

**H-7106**      **TEACHERS' RETIREMENT** (*Hearn & Others*) This act would limit the earnings of retired teachers or athletic coaches working as substitute teachers to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) per school year without any forfeiture of or reduction in retirement benefits. This replaces the limitation of ninety (90) days in any school year. Finance

**H-7181**      **SPOUSAL/DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS** (*Amore & Others*) This act would increase the monthly minimum benefits of spouses and domestic partners of retired teachers, and would authorize additional yearly non-compounded adjustments. Finance

**H-7346**      **RETIREMENT BENEFITS-EARNING LIMITS** (*Slater & Diaz*) This act would increase time that a retired member may work for a municipality each year without forfeiture or reduction of retirement benefits from seventy-five (75) to ninety (90) days and from one hundred fifty (150) to one hundred eighty (180) half-days. Finance

**H-7717**      **INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS-TEACHERS** (*Serpa & Others*) This act would exempt Rhode Island teacher pensions from personal income tax for state resident. Finance

**H-7725**      **TEACHER RETIREMENT-EARNING LIMITS** (*Amore & Others*) This act would permit retired teachers to exceed earnings limits if the department of education determines there is a shortage of teachers in their subject. Finance

**H-7983**      **TEACHER RETIREMENT BENEFITS** (*Shekarchi & Others*) This act would allow retired members of the state retirement system who are certified as substitute teachers to substitute teach not more than ninety (90) days a year without reduction in retirement benefits. Finance

**H-8052**      **PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS** (*Carnevale & Others*) This act would transfer several classes of state public safety professionals: deputy sheriffs, capitol police officers, environmental police officers, juvenile program workers, shift coordinators, firefighters, crew chiefs, assistant chiefs, and campus police officers from the state retirement system to the municipal employee retirement system. Finance

**H-8115A**      **TEACHER RETIREMENT-EARNING LIMITS** (*Jacquard & Fogarty*) This act would increase the maximum post retirement employment earnings from \$15,000 to \$18,000 a year for retired educators who provide instruction at state colleges. Finance

**S-2282**      **TEACHER RETIREMENT BENEFITS** (*Nesslebusch & Others*) This act would allow retired members of the state retirement system who are certified as substitute teachers to substitute teach not more than ninety (90) days a year without reduction in retirement benefits. Finance

**S-2679**      **SPOUSAL/DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS** (*DaPonte*) This act would increase the monthly minimum benefits of spouses and domestic partners of retired teachers, and would authorize additional yearly non-compounded adjustments. Finance

## **TOWN & CITY CLERKS**

**H-7140**      **LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION-SUFFICIENCY OF DESCRIPTIONS** (*Ackerman & Others*) This act would require attachments and executions to describe real estate with particularity by using the recorded legal description, or metes and bounds, or assessors plat and lot number. Judiciary

**H-7145**      **RECORDING OF FORECLOSURE DEEDS-PENALTIES** (*Morin & Others*) This act would impose a penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) upon financial institutions failing to promptly record foreclosure deeds and pay outstanding taxes. Most holders of a private mortgage would be exempt from the penalty requirements. The act would also require that foreclosure deeds be recorded within thirty (30) days after the date of the foreclosure sale. Judiciary

**H-7215**      **SUBDIVISION OF LAND-TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS** (*Shekarchi & Others*) This act would extend the expiration dates pertaining to approvals and permits issued by towns and cities and would apply to approvals and permits in effect on November 9, 2009 and those issued between November 9, 2009 and June 30, 2017, but would not revive any expired approval or permit. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to approvals and permits in effect on November 9, 2009 and those issued between November 9, 2009 and June 30, 2017, but would not revive any expired approval or permit. Municipal Government

**H-7281**      **MORTGAGAE AND FORECLOSURE SALES-NOTICE** (*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. Further, the act would require a mortgagee who initiates a foreclosure proceeding against a residential property located in the municipality, to maintain the property in accordance with state and local housing codes if the property becomes vacant during the foreclosure proceeding. Judiciary

**H-7391**      **TAX SALES/FORECLOSURES** (*Craven & Others*) This act would expedite the foreclosure procedure on vacant property, and would amend laws on tax sales in order to, among other things, establish priorities of tax liens, clarify the effect of late recordings and simplify procedures in the event of a void sale. Judiciary

**H-7498**      **RECORDING AND TRANSFER OF MORTGAGES** (*O'Grady & Others*) This act would provide that all transfers of a mortgage interest on residential property be recorded and would require compliance with this provision in order to utilize a statutory power of sale. The act would render void any mortgage which has an assignment of mortgage that is not presented for recording with the time limits provided for by this chapter and would discontinue the practice of recording mortgages in the name of a party other than the holder of the note secured by the mortgage and furthermore would prohibit any mortgage or mortgage assignment that identifies as the mortgagee any entity who is not the payee. Corporations

**H-7529**      **NOTICE OF INTENT TO FORECLOSE** (*Edwards & Others*) This act would increase the fines for failing to file a foreclosure deed to one hundred dollars (\$100) per day. The act would also require mortgagees, upon serving a notice of intent to foreclose against a mortgagor, to file a copy of that notice in the land evidence records of the city or town in which the property is located and designate an agent for service of process within the state. Judiciary

**S-2141**      **TAX SALES/FORECLOSURES** (Archambault & Others) This act would expedite the foreclosure procedure on vacant property, and would amend laws on tax sales in order to, among other things, establish priorities of tax liens, clarify the effect of late recordings and simplify procedures in the event of a void sale. Finance

**S-2520**      **REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX** (Goldin & Others) This act would exclude the transfer of any interest, in housing developments financed in whole or in part with federal low income housing tax credits, amongst partners or members of certain business organizations, from real estate conveyance taxes. Judiciary

**S-2543A**      **RECORDING OF MORTGAGES** (Conley & Others) This act would provide that all transfers of a mortgage interest on residential property be recorded and would require compliance with this provision in order to utilize a statutory power of sale. The act would render void any mortgage which has an assignment of mortgage that is not presented for recording with the time limits provided for by this chapter and would discontinue the practice of recording mortgages in the name of a party other than the holder of the note secured by the mortgage and furthermore would prohibit any mortgage or mortgage assignment that identifies as the mortgagee any entity who is not the payee. Judiciary

**S-3046**      **SUBDIVISION OF LAND-TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would extend the expiration dates pertaining to approvals and permits issued by towns and cities and would apply to approvals and permits in effect on November 9, 2009 and those issued between November 9, 2009 and June 30, 2017, but would not revive any expired approval or permit. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to approvals and permits in effect on November 9, 2009 and those issued between November 9, 2009 and June 30, 2017, but would not revive any expired approval or permit. Environment & Agriculture

## MISCELLANEOUS

**H-7035**      **DIGITAL PUBLICATION OF MUNICIPAL BUDGETS** (Solomon & Others) This act would make public entity budgets available in digital form through the secretary of state. Judiciary

**H-7038**      **MUNICIPAL COURTS-ENUMERATED POWERS** (Lombardi & Others) This act would grant district courts and certain municipal courts created by §8-8-3(a)(4) the power to issue restraining orders and permanent injunctions in housing matters, and would include the power to order a building into receivership. Judiciary

**H-7048A**      **QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION-WATER SUPPLIES AND SERVICES** (Craven & Others) This act would give the Quonset Development Corporation the authority to purchase and obtain water supply and water service from any city, town, water district, or other water supply authority. Corporations

**H-7065**      **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER CERTIFICATION** (Palangio & Others) This act would require that municipal animal control officers be certified by the National Animal Care & Control Association. Municipal Government

**H-7124**      **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE CORPORATIONS** (Morin & Others) This act would provide that municipal insurance corporations would be subject to laws regulating insurance companies and would be regulated by the Rhode Island department of business regulation. Corporations

**H-7158**      **MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGGREGATION PLANS-SPECIAL ELECTIONS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would eliminate the need for a special election to create an opt-out municipal energy aggregation plan initiated by any city or town subject to public utility commission approval. Corporations

**H-7179**      **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION-RIPTA SERVICE** (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-7180**      **OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Barros & 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-7202**      **FIREWORKS AND PYROTECHNICS** (Corvese & Others) This act would prohibit the use of display fireworks, or aerial consumer fireworks without a permit between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day and would make a violation of this permit requirement a civil violation punishable by a fine of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) and court costs. Judiciary

**H-7238**      **OPEN MEETINGS** (Filippi & Others) This act would require audio and video recordings of certain open meetings of municipal government to be transmitted to the secretary of state's office. The secretary of state would post recordings of these open meetings on its website and to be available for public access. Finance

**H-7255**      **GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS-DISCLOSURE** (Filippi & Others) This act would require all businesses that sell food and have gross annual sales of over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), with the exception of restaurants, to post signs that inform their customers, that all the products they have offered for sale, contain genetically modified organisms, unless their labels say otherwise. H.E.W.

**H-7257**      **DOGS-OUTDOOR DINING AREAS** (Lima & Others) This act would permit dogs in outdoor dining areas of restaurants under certain circumstances. The act would not affect the right of an individual to use a service animal. H.E.W

**H-7366**      **MUNICIPAL STREETLIGHT INVESTMENT ACT** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would allow streetlight customers that currently pay for street lighting services to make streetlight investments and allow such public entities to use purchased streetlight equipment without restriction except as necessary to protect other distribution service. It would also require the electric distribution company to assign and provide any access agreements to streetlight infrastructure to the acquiring public entity and would allow unmetered streetlights to be net metered based on total billed consumption. Municipal Government

**H-7430**      **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Reilly & Others) This act would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

**H-7446Aaa**    **AUTOMATED SCHOOL ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS** (Craven & McEntee). This act would authorize the department of transportation as well as municipalities to operate automated school zone speed enforcement systems. These systems would use vehicle detectors in combination with photography to identify vehicles which are exceeding the posted speed limit within a given school zone. A school zone would be defined as anywhere within a one-quarter (1/4) mile radius of a school. Judiciary

**H-7454 Aaa**    **2017 APPROPRIATIONS ACT**  
**ARTICLE 8, Sec. 3: DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL FINANCE-ENABLING ACT** (Abney) This act amends the duties of DMF to include the exchange of information between DMF and local government entities including the publication of municipal vendor contracts. Finance

**H-7496**      **BEACH PARKING FEES** (Costantino & Others) This act would prohibit the department of environmental management from charging parking fees to Rhode Island residents or motor vehicles registered in the state at state beaches between July 2, 2016 and July 8, 2016. Finance

**H-7548**      **COMPETITIVE BIDDING** (Shekarchi & Casey) 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

**H-7656**      **SALE OF FIREWORKS/PYROTECHNICS** (Marcello & Others) This act would authorize cities and towns to regulate by ordinance the sale of pyrotechnics within their boundaries, and to set a sales license fee of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Small Business

**H-7672**      **USE OF EXPLOSIVES-NOTICE** (Filippi & Others) This act would expand the notice requirements relating to the use of explosives by requiring two (2) weeks' notice of blasting to the municipality and to owners of structures within five hundred feet (500') of the mutual property line. Judiciary

- H-7734**      **POT HOLES** (Costantino & Others) This act would direct the department of transportation to set up a pothole report toll-free telephone line. Finance
- H-7825**      **OPEN MEETINGS** (Marcello & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law to account for advances in technology to provide the public with increased opportunities to observe the performance and deliberations of their public officials as well as provide greater access to material used in the course of the making of public policy. Judiciary
- H-7887A**      **THOMAS BYRNES BIKE PATH** (Gallison & Others) This act would name that portion of the East Bay Bike Path passing through the towns of Bristol, Warren, and Barrington to the city of East Providence as the Thomas Byrnes Bike Path. Finance
- H-7892**      **PROSECUTION OF DEFENDANTS** (Maldonado & Others) This act would require that cities and towns comply with certain procedures when prosecuting defendants such as the right to counsel, and would amend the penalties imposed for ordinance violations. Judiciary
- H-7919**      **BUDGET COMMISSIONS-OPEN MEETINGS** (Morin & Others) This act would subject budget commissions to the provisions of chapter 46 of title 42 of the general laws, "Open Meetings" in its entirety. Finance
- H-7950**      **STREET LIGHTS ON STATE ROADS** (Marshall & Others) This act would provide that the cost to operate all lighting equipment located on state roads would be the responsibility of the state and not the municipality where the lighting equipment is located. Finance
- H-8009**      **PAWTUCKET/CENTRAL FALLS COMMUTER RAIL STATION** (Tobon & Others) This act would appropriate ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) into a restricted account at the department of transportation known as the Pawtucket and Central Falls commuter rail station fund. The fund would be used for site acquisition and furthering the design of the station. Finance
- H-8081**      **SMOKING ON PUBLIC BEACHES PROHIBITED** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would prohibit smoking on public beaches in the state of Rhode Island. Judiciary
- H-8075**      **AGRICULTURAL LANDS- RIGHT OF REPURCHASE** (Naughton & Others) This act would allow the agricultural lands preservation commission to resell land without being subject to the first right to purchase by the municipality in which the land is situated. Environment & Natural Resources
- S-2086**      **SEALERS OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES-FEES** (Kettle & Morgan) This act would require sealers of weights and measures appointed by the cities and towns to receive the same fees as charged by state sealers who perform the same inspecting/testing services. Commerce
- S-2148**      **LIGHTING DISTRICTS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require the state to pay a lighting district's energy bill, if the lighting district fails to pay it. Finance
- S-2167**      **RELOCATION OF UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE-COSTS** (Fogarty) This act would require that 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 be borne by the public utility. Commerce

**S-2254aa**      **AUTOMATED SCHOOL ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would authorize the department of transportation as well as municipalities to operate automated school zone speed enforcement systems. These systems would use vehicle detectors in combination with photography to identify vehicles which are exceeding the posted speed limit within a given school zone. A school zone would be defined as anywhere within a one-quarter (1/4) mile radius of a school. Judiciary

**S-2261**      **PARKING LOTS** (Cicccone & Others) This act would authorize municipalities to require parking lots to have a person on site during operational hours to accept cash payments. The proceeds from the fine for failure to comply would be split between the municipality and the state. Commerce

**S-2267**      **COMPETITIVE BIDDING** (McCaffery & Lombardo) 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-2281**      **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Raptakis & Others) This act would establish an office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds, regardless of whether funds are from the state, federal or local governments. The inspector general would oversee all state programs and operations as well as the procurement of supplies by state agencies. Finance

**S-2283**      **BEACH USER FEES** (Sheehan & Others) This act would increase the percentage of state beach fees payable to the city or town where the facility is located from sixteen percent (16%) to twenty percent (20%). Finance

**S-2325**      **USE OF EXPLOSIVES-NOTICE** (Morgan & Algieri) This act would require notification of blasting operations be provided by registered mail to any abutter, or owners of record of any improved real property within five hundred feet (500') from the property line of the blast site fourteen (14) days prior to blasting. Road, bridge, utility, and public works construction, would no longer be exempt from the notification law. Judiciary

**S-2332**      **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE COMPANIES** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would provide that municipal insurance corporations would be subject to laws regulating insurance companies and would be regulated by the Rhode Island department of business regulation. Commerce

**S-2343**      **COMPETITIVE BIDDING** (Pagliarini) This act would allow municipalities to award sealed bids for contracts for services or products in an amount less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to a business located within its municipality if the business is current on all tax levies, its bid is within ten percent (10%) of the lowest bid and it is willing to match the lowest bid. Finance

**S-2449**      **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Sheehan & 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-2613**      **PROSECUTION OF DEFENDANTS** (Archambault & Others) This act would require that cities and towns comply with certain procedures when prosecuting defendants such as the right to counsel, and would amend the penalties imposed for ordinance violations. Judiciary

**S-2807**      **INTERLOCAL CONTRACTING** (DiPalma & Others) This act would permit municipal and governmental units of this state to contract with governmental units of this or other states with respect to matters which they are authorized by law to perform. This act would also adopt new provisions of chapter 45-43 pertaining to Regional Councils of Local Government to authorize two or more municipalities to form regional emergency communication districts for the purpose of operating facilities housing a regional emergency communication center to provide for the regional dispatch and coordination of emergency services for the municipalities comprising such district, if the member municipalities approve such districts in accordance with the provisions of the chapter, such districts to be established, organized and governed, and such centers to be constructed, operated and maintained, pursuant to a written district agreement adopted by the member municipalities. Finance

**S-3060**      **AGRICULTURAL LANDS- RIGHT OF REPURCHASE** (Sosnowski) This act would allow the agricultural lands preservation commission to resell land without being subject to the first right to purchase by the municipality in which the land is situated. Environment & Agriculture

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**BARRINGTON**

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**BRISTOL**

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**CHARLESTOWN**

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**COVENTRY**

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**CRANSTON**

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**EAST GREENWICH**

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[H-7963](#) *Bond Issuance-Infrastructure Repair-\$5,000,000*

- [H-8229](#) *Naming of Division Road Roundabout-“Michael B. Isaacs Roundabout”*
- [S-2239A](#) *Alcoholic Beverages-Class B & C Licenses-Issuance*  
[S-2286](#) *Tax Exemptions-New England Wireless and Steam Museum, Inc.*  
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**EAST PROVIDENCE**

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**NARRAGANSETT**

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**NORTH PROVIDENCE**

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