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CODE ENFORCEMENT

H-5265 **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 by posting a bond in accordance with the Rhode Island housing and maintenance and occupancy code, and also identify an agent in Rhode Island for service of process. Judiciary

S-0750 **BUILDING PERMIT FEES** (DiPalma) This act would require that city and town building permit fees recover no more than the cost of permitting activities during period of normal building activity. Housing & Municipal Government

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

H-5016 **SCHOOL BUILDING SAFETY ASSESSMENTS** (McNamara & Others) This act would require the assessment to examine the status of each school building's safety be completed by November 1 of the year mandated and that by December 31 of that same year, a report be made stating that such assessments have been completed. H.E.W

H-5018 **SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM FUNDING** (McNamara & Others) This act would utilize ten percent (10%) of funds accruing to the state from forfeitures fines and penalties to fund a K-12 substance abuse prevention program as part of the health curriculum. Finance

H-5045 **STUDENT TRANSPORTATION** (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-5048 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTION** (Lombardi & Others) This act would provide for professional development opportunities relating to reading disabilities and would require two (2) hours of professional development instruction pertaining to reading disabilities for certain general education teachers. H.E.W.

H-5049 **CURRICULUM –COMPUTER SCIENCE** (Lombardi & Hull) Directs the council on elementary and secondary education to recommend to the commissioner of education a curriculum that allows students successful careers in computer science. H.E.W.

H-5050 **PUPIL SAFETY-SCHOOL BUSES** (Nardolillo & Others) This act would require that every new school bus purchased or leased for use in the state be equipped with a combination pelvic and upper torso 3-point passenger seat belt system for the operator and each passenger seat effective January 1, 2019. Each school district would be required to prepare a plan for the implementation and use of the 3-point seat belts. H.E.W.

H-5077 **MEDICAID ELIGIBLE SCHOOL SERVICES** (McNamara & Others) This act would direct that services provided by school social workers and certified school psychologists be included as health care related services eligible for federal Medicaid reimbursement. Finance

H-5083 **DUAL ENROLLMENT-HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS** (Casey & Others) This act would extend the benefits of the dual enrollment equal opportunity act to cover home-schooled students. H.E.W.

H-5088 **PSAT & SAT TESTING** (Casey & Others) This act would include home schooled students in the program to provide the PSAT and SAT free of charge to all Rhode Island public school students. Finance

H-5119 **SCHOOL & YOUTH SPORTS-SAFETY** (Kazarian & 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.E.W.

H-5120 **CURRICULUM-MENTAL ILLNESS/MENTAL HEALTH RELATED ISSUES** (McNamara & Others) This act would require that the health education curriculum include grade-appropriate materials regarding mental illness and related mental health issues. H.E.W.

- H-5151** **SCHOOL BUSES-IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEMS** (Lima & Others) This act would require all school buses to be equipped with ignition interlock systems. Judiciary
- H-5176** **SUNSCREEN** (Bennett & Others) This act would allow students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen. H.E.W.
- H-5177A** **CURRICULUM-SUBSTANCE ABUSE EDUCATION** (O'Brien & Others) This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education to consider incorporating substance abuse education into the health education curriculum. H.E.W.
- H-5229** **CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS-VOLUNTEER AND YOUTH SERVICES** (McEntee & 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-5239** **INDEPENDENT CHARTER SCHOOLS** (O'Grady & Others) This act would provide that the office of auditor general be responsible for analyzing and reporting the impact of new or expanded charter schools. Finance
- H-5279** **SCHOOL AND YOUTH PROGRAMS-ATHLETIC TRAINERS** (Kazarian & Others) This act would require all school districts to designate an athletic trainer to be available for high school athletic practices and games. H.E.W.
- H-5325** **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS-DATA COLLECTION** (Kazarian & Others) This act would create a process for the department of education relating to the collection and organization of information concerning the workload and scope of the duties and responsibilities performed by school social workers. H.E.W
- H-5327aa** **CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR MEDICALLY-FRAGILE STUDENTS** This act would establish standards of practice for providers of clinical nursing services for medically-fragile students. This act would also allow medically-fragile students to access clinical nursing services at home when the child's absence from school is related to their life threatening medical condition or is otherwise a health-related absence. This act would take effect on August 14, 2017. H.E.W.
- H-5385** **TRADITIONAL WINTER CELEBRATIONS/GREETINGS** (Morgan & Others) This act would permit school districts to allow students and school personnel to offer traditional winter celebration greetings. It would also allow school displays, with limitations, which exhibit scenes and symbols of traditional winter celebrations. H.E.W.
- H-5352** **DUAL ENROLLMENT-HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS** (Casey & Others) This act would extend the benefits of the dual enrollment equal opportunity act to cover home-schooled students. The act would also direct the board of education to ensure that the same policies regarding the cost for and payment of dual enrollment courses are consistently applied to public school students and home-schooled students alike. H.E.W.
- H-5422** **BOARD OF EDUCATION –ELECTION OF CHAIR/MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS** (Messier & Others) This act would provide that the chair of the council for post-secondary education and the chair of the council on elementary and secondary education be elected by the council members. In addition, each member of the board of education would be required to have prior experience in a higher education position. H.E.W.

H-5453 **COLLECTION OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA** (Diaz & Others) This act would create the "All Students Count Act of 2017" 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

H-5471 **BOARD OF EDUCATION-ELECTION OF CHAIR/MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS** (Messier & Others) This act would provide that the chair of the council for post-secondary education and the chair of the council on elementary and secondary education be elected by the council members. In addition, each member of the board of education would be required to have prior experience in a higher education position. H.E.W.

H-5472 **TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS** (Fogarty) This act would require that the council of elementary and secondary education adopt standards for the intrastate transportation of students across municipal and boundaries take into consideration the time and cost of transporting students and other programs that impact the education of students. H.E.W.

H-5550 **STUDENT JOURNALISTS' FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ACT** (O'Grady & Others) This act would create the Student Journalists' Freedom of Expression Act protecting student journalists' right to exercise freedom of speech in school-sponsored media. Judiciary

H-5557 **JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** (Winfield) This act would extend the junior/senior high/middle school student assistance program to include senior high school students and identify the student assistance program/project success as a recipient of the funds. Finance

H-5576 **CERTIFICATION OF SUPERINTENDENTS** (O'Brien & Others) This act would provide that the fee for taking any assessment required to be licensed and certified as a superintendent would be waived for any candidate who possesses a doctorate degree. H.E.W.

H-5580 **UNHEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE ADVERTISING** (McNamara) This act would prohibit the sale and advertising of unhealthy food and beverage products in schools during the school day, since they do not meet minimum federal governmental nutrition standards. H.E.W.

H-5581 **LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS** (O'Brien & Others) This act would prohibit the administration of standardized statewide assessments or similar tests to students identified as limited English proficient students prior to September 1, 2020. This act would also prohibit the administration of these tests to students identified as limited English proficient students who are identified or enter the school system after the effective date of this act, for at least three (3) years after the students matriculate in a state public school or are identified. The council on elementary and secondary education would ensure the provisions of this section are properly implemented. H.E.W.

H-5618Aaa **NET METERING-FINANCING** (Regunberg & Others) This act would make educational institutions and nonprofit corporations established pursuant to chapter 6 of title 7 eligible for net-metering financing arrangements. Corporations

H-5660 **STUDENT CELL PHONE USE** (Williams & Others) This act would direct the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to issue regulations restricting cell phone use by students in the public schools during the school day unless they are being used in connection with an assignment or curriculum. H.E.W.

H-5662 **BOARD OF EDUCATION –ELECTION OF CHAIR/MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS** (Messier & Others) This act would provide that the chair of the council for postsecondary education and the chair of the council on elementary and secondary education be elected by the council members. In addition, each member of the board of education would be required to have prior experience in a higher education position. H.E.W.

H-5663 **CURRICULUM-FINANCIAL LITERACY** (O’Grady & 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. H.E.W.

H-5664 **CURRICULUM-MEDIA LITERACY** (Handy & Others) This act would require the department of education to consider incorporating media literacy education in the basic education program. H.E.W.

H-5665 **CURRICULUM-CIVIC LITERACY** (Newberry & Others) This act would require the commissioner of elementary and secondary education to adopt a course of study on the nation's founding and related documents, including the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Federalist Papers. H.E.W.

H-5666 **SUSPENSIONS/ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS** (Ranglin-Vassell & Others) This act would require school districts to provide for alternative programs and classroom space, within the school, to reduce the number of out-of-school suspensions. Students that pose a threat to a peer, teacher, administrator, support staff or themselves would be placed in an alternative educational setting within the school with a RIDE certified teacher. H.E.W.

H-5679 **PUPIL SAFETY-SCHOOL BUSES** (O’Brien & Others) This act would require all new school buses purchased or leased be equipped with seat belts for each passenger and operator seat and would further require mandatory safety belt use by the school bus operator and each passenger. H.E.W.

H-5681 **IMMUNIZATIONS** (Price & Others) This act would provide an exception to required school immunizations for pupils whose personal beliefs are contrary to immunization and/or testing. H.E.W.

H-5682 **TAKE-HOME TECHNOLOGY DEVICES** (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. H.E.W.

H-5731 **SCHOOL COMMITTEES –OPEN MEETINGS** (Edwards & Others) This act would allow school committees to add item(s) to their agendas for the purposes of discussion only without having to publish notice of the additional item(s). Judiciary

H-5768 **DRIVER EDUCATION** (Price & Others) This act would require that the Community College of Rhode Island provide traffic safety education at each public high school in the state. Finance

H-5809 **BREAST FEEDING** (Ranglin-Vassell & Others) This act would create an enforcement process for the right to breast-feed at work. In addition, it would require all schools to provide reasonable accommodation to its lactating students. H.E.W.

H-5876A ***ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS*** (Tanzi & Others) *This act would prohibit the sale of liquid that is intended for human consumption and/or use in an electronic nicotine-delivery system that is not contained in child resistant packaging. This act would also prohibit the use of electronic nicotine-delivery systems in schools. This act would take effect on January 1, 2018. Judiciary*

H-5883 ***CURRICULUM-FIELD TRIPS*** (Perez & Others) *This act would require that public schools of this state, beginning in kindergarten and continuing through and including grade twelve (12), would annually provide access for every student to at least one field trip to a nature preserve, reserve, or conservatory. H.E.W.*

H-5888A ***START TIME OF SCHOOL DAY*** (Casimiro & Others) *This resolution would establish a fifteen (15) member special legislative commission to study all aspects involved in changing the start time of Rhode Island's public high schools. This commission would report its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives no later than January 31, 2018, and would expire on March 31, 2018. Finance*

H-5906 ***BOARD OF EDUCATION-ELECTION OF CHAIR/MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS*** (Messier & Others) *This act would provide that the chair of the council for postsecondary education and the chair of the council on elementary and secondary education be elected by the council members. In addition, each member of the board of education would be required to have prior experience in the field of education. H.E.W.*

H-5976 ***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-5986 ***IMMUNIZATIONS*** (Price & Others) *This act would provide an exception to required school immunizations for pupils whose personal, philosophical, or religious beliefs are contrary to immunization and/or testing. H.E.W.*

H-5994 ***CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS –FEES*** (Ranglin-Vassell & Others) *This act would waive the fee for taking an examination required in order to be licensed and certified as a teacher when the teaching candidate possesses a bachelor's degree. Finance*

H-6003 ***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, 2019. The amendment would also provide for judicial enforcement of this provision. H.E.W.*

H-6025 ***DYSLEXIA KNOWLEDGE & PRACTICE CERTIFICATE-REIMBURSEMENT*** (McEntee & Others) *This joint resolution would appropriate sufficient sums to pay one-half the costs of teachers in obtaining an IDA aligned graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice. Finance*

H-6075 ***DYSLEXIA KNOWLEDGE & PRACTICE CERTIFICATE-REIMBURSEMENT*** (McEntee & Others) *This joint resolution would appropriate sufficient sums to pay one-half the costs of teachers in obtaining an IDA aligned graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice. Finance*

H-6088A **BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES** (Azzinaro & Others) This act would amend the law regarding education for children with disabilities so that the benefits would continue until the end of the public school calendar semester in which the student turns 21 or when the student's program ends in accordance with the student's individualized education program (IEP), whichever occurs earlier. H.E.W.

H-6089 **MAYORAL ACADEMIES-ESTABLISHMENT/EXPANSION** (Barros & Others) This act would require any mayoral academy which is part of a network of charter schools that seeks to be established or expanded in Rhode Island to provide evidence that its attrition rates, its special education enrollment numbers and its suspension rates are within a plus or minus three percent (+/- 3%) range of the state average.

H-6132 **TECHNOLOGY AND IT INFRASTRUCTURE-JOINT PURCHASING** (Keable & Others) This act would allow school committees and the Rhode Island Society of Technology Educators ("RISTE") to enter into joint purchase agreements for the purchase of technology and IT infrastructure. Finance

H-6145 **CHARTER SCHOOLS-GOVERNING BODIES** (McEntee & Others) This act would authorize school committees to appoint one designee to the board of directors of the governing body of any charter public school where students who are residents of the school committee's district comprise at least five percent (5%) of the student body at the charter public school. H.E.W.

H-6148 **FREE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS** (Ranglin-Vassell & Others) This act would require free lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools. Finance

H-6212 **BOARD OF REGENTS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION** (Edwards & Others) This act would authorize the council on elementary and secondary education to grant variances to any provision of title 16 other than those provisions enumerated in §16-60-4.2 and to any department of education and school district regulation not affecting the health and safety or civil rights of pupils in a public school. Education

H-6272 **SCHOOL FUNDS AND PROPERTY** (Marszalkowski & Others) This act would establish a pilot program to promote the creation of roof solar installations on school property in order to reduce the use of fossil fuels and to generate electricity in school buildings. This program would be implemented by the department of elementary and secondary education and the office of the postsecondary commissioner. Finance

H-6311 **VIRTUAL CLASSROOM** (Phillips & Others) 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. H.E.W.

H-6312 **REPORTING REQUIREMENT** (O'Brien & Others) This act would require the commission of elementary and secondary education and the commissioner of postsecondary education to report to URI, RIC, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house recommendations regarding teacher and administrator preparation programs by October 31, 2017. The act would also require the council on elementary and secondary education to identify the benefit to students regarding the action that is taken in executing their duties. H.E.W.

H-6325 **PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS** (Amore & Others) This act would provide that a charter public school that operates or will operate 2 elementary school grades, middle school grades or high school grades shall be considered a 3 network charter school notwithstanding the facility or the administration of the school. H.E.W.

H-6329 **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION** (Donovan & Others) Provides that the department of education would develop a funding formula for school districts sending students to career and technical programs outside the district. H.E.W.

H-6359 **CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION IN SCHOOL SPORTS** (Costantino & Others) This act would address the potential for sudden cardiac arrest among student athletes by raising awareness of the symptoms, requiring training for coaches and volunteers concerning cardiac arrest, and establishing protocols for students exhibiting certain symptoms. H.E.W.

S-0021 **CARDIAC ARREST PREVENTION** (Felag) 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-0022 **SCHOOL BUILDING SAFETY ASSESSMENTS** (Gallo & Others) This act would require the assessment to examine the status of each school building's safety be completed by November 1 of the year mandated and that by December 31 of that same year, a report be made stating that such assessments have been completed. Education

S-0023 **CONCUSSION SYMPTOM TRAINING AND EVALUATION** (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-0024 **BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require public schools, including charter schools, begin the school year on the day after Labor Day commencing in the school year 2018-2019. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to the school year 2018-2019. Education

S-0047 **IMMUNIZATIONS** (Raptakis & Morgan) 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-0099 **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS-DATA COLLECTION** (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-0100 **CAREER & TECHNICAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS** (Lombardo & Others) This act would permit children between sixteen (16) and eighteen (18) years of age, and in their junior or senior year 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 the students are deemed to have the necessary educational background, experience and maturity. Education

S-0101 **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-0103 **COMPETENCY/PROFICIENCY BASED LEARNING** (Picard) This act would require that the board of elementary and secondary education adopt a competency-based/proficiency-based learning policy whereby students can earn credits through demonstration of competency. Education

S-0104 **CHILD OPPORTUNITY ZONES** (Picard) 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-0105 **SUNSCREEN** (Miller & Others) This act would allow students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen. Education

S-0106 **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-0107 **COLLECTION OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA** (Picard) This act would create the "All Students Count Act of 2017" 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-0174 **PUPIL SAFETY-SCHOOL BUSES** (Satchell & Others) This act would require that every new school bus purchased or leased for use in the state be equipped with a combination pelvic and upper torso 3-point passenger seat belt system for the operator and each passenger seat effective January 1, 2019. Each school district would prepare a plan for the implementation and use of the 3-point seat belts. Judiciary

S-0200 **TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS** (Picard) This act would permit school committees to fulfill the student transportation obligations by using "pupil transportation vehicles" as defined in §31-22.1-1. Education

S-0201 **DUAL ENROLLMENT- HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS** (Cote & Others) This act would extend the benefits of the dual enrollment equal opportunity act to cover home-schooled students. Education

S-0244 **ASSESSMENT OF HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS** (Picard) This act would require that students who are home schooled be evaluated via grade level standardized assessment to measure satisfactory progress or growth from the previous year, or that an annual written narrative evaluation be conducted by a certified teacher or other professional for the purpose of measuring satisfactory progress or growth from the previous year. Education

S-0245 **CURRICULUM-FINANCIAL LITERACY** (Paolino & 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

S-0246 **ASSESSMENT OF HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS** (Picard) This act would require that students who are home schooled be evaluated via grade level standardized assessment to measure satisfactory progress or growth from the previous year, or that an annual written narrative evaluation be conducted by a

certified teacher or other professional for the purpose of measuring satisfactory progress or growth from the previous year. More testing would be required in cases of excessive absenteeism. Education

S-0300 **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would have each public institution of postsecondary education establish a plan for addressing the mental health needs of its students. Each institution shall develop policies aimed at identifying a student exhibiting suicidal behavior or tendencies. Education

S-0303 **CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS** (DiPalma & 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-0304 **UNHEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE ADVERTISING** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would prohibit the sale and advertising of unhealthy food and beverage products in schools during the school day, since they do not meet minimum federal governmental nutrition standards. Education

S-0305 **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-0306 **CURRICULUM-SUBSTANCE ABUSE** (Satchell & Others) This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education to consider incorporating substance abuse education and suicide prevention into the health education curriculum. Education

S-0310 **CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL FUNCTIONS** (DaPonte) This act would mandate that every town and city school district consolidate human resources, personnel information technology, and purchasing and maintenance functions by July 1, 2020. Human resources and personnel functions would be exempt if their consolidation would compromise confidentiality mandates. Finance

S-0391 **SCHOOL BUSES-IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEMS** (Raptakis & Sosnowski) This act would require all school buses to be equipped with ignition interlock systems. Judiciary

S-0402 **ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would prohibit the sale of liquid that is intended for human consumption and/or use in an electronic nicotine-delivery system that is not contained in child resistant packaging. This act would also prohibit the use of electronic nicotine-delivery systems in schools. Judiciary

S-0434 **TAKE-HOME TECHNOLOGY DEVICES** (Satchell & Archambault) 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-0435 **COMMUNITY SCHOOL INITIATIVE** (Doyle & Others) This act would require that the commissioner of elementary and secondary education develop a strategic plan for creating a Rhode Island community school initiative. Education

S-0436 **DUAL ENROLLMENT-HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS** (Cote & Others) This act would extend the benefits of the dual enrollment equal opportunity act to cover home-schooled students. Education

S-0437A **CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION-FUNDING FORMULA** (Gallo & Others) This act would provide that the department of education in consultation with a workgroup composing of various stakeholders, would develop a funding formula for school districts sending students to career and technical programs outside the district. Education

S-0438 **CURRICULUM-CURSIVE PENMANSHIP** (Morgan & Others) This act would require elementary schools to provide instruction in cursive penmanship. Education

S-0439 **COLLECTION OF DEMOGRAPHIC DATA** (Calkin & Others) This act would create the "All Students Count Act of 2017" 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-0440 **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, 2019. The amendment would also provide for judicial enforcement of this provision. Education

S-0557 **DISTRICT-CHARTER COMPACTS** (DiPalma & 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. Education

S-0600 **STUDENT JOURNALISTS' FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ACT** (Goldin & Others) This act would create the Student Journalists' Freedom of Expression Act protecting student journalists' right to exercise freedom of speech in school-sponsored media. Judiciary

S-0634 **BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR** (Morgan & Others) This act would require public schools, including charter schools, begin the school year on the day after Labor Day commencing in the school year 2018-2019. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to the school year 2018-2019. Education

S-0635 **VIRTUAL EDUCATION PLANS** (Morgan & Kettle) This act would authorize the development of an at home online learning system for use by school districts to minimize the number of school days lost during the school year due to weather related or other events resulting in the cancellation of school. Education

S-0884 **ESTABLISHMENT OF PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS** (Gallo & Others) A charter public school that operates or will operate elementary school grades and middle school grades or operates or will

operate middle school grades and high school grades shall be considered a network charter school notwithstanding the facility or administration of the school. Education

S-0885 **RHODE ISLAND CERTIFICATION STANDARDS BOARD** (Conley & Others) *Creates a reporting requirement for the commissioners of education and the council on elementary and secondary education concerning teacher training and the effect of new regulations. Education*

S-0960 **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES** (Gallo & Algieri) *This act would provide that for children with disabilities who turn twenty-one (21) years of age while in a post-secondary or transitional educational program, the local educational agency's ("LEA") obligation to pay for the child's education would continue in accordance with the student's individual education program. The act would also provide that not later than sixty (60) days prior to the child turning twenty-one (21), the LEA and state adult service agencies responsible for providing supports for adults with developmental disabilities would provide the child and the parent or guardian with certain notices about rights and benefits available when the child turns twenty-one (21). The act would also provide that this law would not be used to delay or defer the obligation of a state agency responsible for providing services to adults with developmental disabilities. Education*

ELECTIONS

H-5111 **PROVISIONAL BALLOTS** (Phillips & Others) This act would allow voters, whom the local board of canvassers have questions about the validity of their provided address to vote using a provisional ballot, subject to the board's determination of the validity of their provided address. Judiciary

H-5269 **RESTORATION OF VOTER RIGHTS-ELIGIBILITY LISTS** (Williams & Others) This act would require the department of corrections to provide certain nonprofit organizations with a list containing information about formerly incarcerated inmates who have become eligible to vote to assist in their efforts in registering former felons to vote. Judiciary

H-5270 **RESTORATION OF VOTER RIGHTS-PUBLICATION** (Williams & Others) This act would require the department of corrections to provide the secretary of state with the number of eligible persons who, upon release from incarceration, have registered to vote and it would require the secretary of state to publish that number twice a year. Judiciary

H-5309 **PERSONS 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-5310 **VOTING RIGHTS OF ARRESTEES** (Williams & Others) This act would afford arrestees who are held on an election day the opportunity to vote by provisional ballot in accordance with state law and would require the division of sheriffs to assist arrestees in registering to vote and applying for mail ballots if an arrestee is held within sixty (60) days of an election. Judiciary

H-5448 **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) years to under the age of eighteen (18) years. Judiciary

H-5511 **MAIL BALLOTS-IN PERSON EARLY VOTING** (Blazewski & Others) This act would end the voting of mail ballots at local board of canvassers. It would also authorize in-person early voting effective July 1, 2018, with the actual procedures to be established by rules promulgated by the state board of elections. Judiciary

H-5514 **VOTER REGISTRATION** (Coughlin & Others) This act would provide that persons who apply to the division of motor vehicles for a driver's license, its renewal or personal identification document shall simultaneously register to vote, unless they expressly decline to do so. It would also require that the person certify that they are an American citizen. This act would take effect thirty (30) days after the administrator of the division of motor vehicles certifies in writing to the general assembly that the Rhode Island motor vehicle licensing system (RIMS) computer system is capable of meeting the requirements set forth in §17-9.1-7. Judiciary

H-5699A **VOTING EQUIPMENT** (Diaz & Others) This act would require at least one precinct count unit and one voting booth per one hundred seventy-five (175) qualified electors in the district, be prepared and delivered by the board of elections to each voting district. Judiciary

H-5700 **MAIL BALLOTS/IN PERSON EARLY VOTING** (Blazewski & Others) This act would end the voting of mail ballots at local board of canvassers. It would also authorize in-person early voting effective July 1,

2018, with the actual procedures to be established by rules promulgated by the state board of elections after consultation with the newly created in-person early voting advisory committee. Judiciary

H-5701 **EXHIBITION/INSTRUCTION OF VOTING EQUIPMENT** (Solomon) This act would give local boards discretion to designate times and places where optical scan voting equipment and sample ballots are exhibited for instructional purposes. Judiciary

H-5702A **VOTER REGISTRATION** (Coughlin & Johnston) This act would provide that persons who apply to the division of motor vehicles for a driver's license, its renewal or a personal identification document shall simultaneously register to vote, unless they expressly decline to do so. It would also require that the person certify that they are an American citizen. It would also require intent to provide false voting registration information to the department of motor vehicles, before a person can be criminally prosecuted. This act would take effect thirty (30) days after the administrator of the division of motor vehicles certifies in writing to the general assembly that the Rhode Island motor vehicle licensing system (RIMS) computer system is capable of meeting the requirements set forth in the act. Judiciary

H-5703 **DELIVERY OF ELECTION SUPPLIES** (Cunha & Others) This act would require that election supplies furnished by the board of elections would be delivered to, or picked up by, the proper officer as determined by the board, no later than twelve o'clock p.m. (12:00 p.m.) on the day before the election. Judiciary

H-5705 **MAIL/EMERGENCY BALLOTS** (Chippendale & Others) This act would require any person voting by mail ballot or emergency mail ballot to provide proof of identity, excepting those in a hospital, hospice, or skilled nursing facility. Judiciary

H-5706 **CHANGE OF ADDRESS** (Barros & Others) This act would permit a voter who has moved from one city or town in the state to another thirty (30) days or more prior to an election to vote a full ballot in the new city or town. Judiciary

H-5970 **REPORTING-WRITE-IN CANDIDATES** (Tobon & Others) This act would require the board of elections to report all votes received by write-in candidates. Judiciary

H-6008aa **PRIMARY OFFICIALS-QUALIFICATION** (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) This act would allow a person appointed as a primary official to be an employee of the United States, of this state, or of any city or town of this state. Judiciary

H-6038 **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES** (Marszalkowski) This act would require statewide candidates seeking to be elected by write-in ballots to file a declaration of intent with the secretary of state at least seven (7) days prior to the election and local candidates the same declaration with their board(s) of canvassers. It would also require tallying of write-in votes only for contests in which no candidate appears on the ballot or for candidates meeting the declaration requirements. Judiciary

S-0222 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Goldin & Others) This act would repeal the voter identification law. Judiciary

S-0335 **MAIL BALLOTS-ELIGIBILITY** (Morgan & Others) This act would change one of the eligibility requirements to vote by mail ballot from an elector who "may" not be able to vote at a polling place to and an elector who will not be able to vote at a polling place. Judiciary

S-0343 **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-0344 **PERSONS 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-0408 **RESTORATION OF VOTER RIGHTS-PUBLICATION** (Quezada & Others) This act would require the department of corrections to provide the secretary of state with the number of eligible persons who, upon release from incarceration, have registered to vote and it would require the secretary of state to publish that number twice a year. Judiciary

S-0418 **RESTORATION OF VOTER RIGHTS-ELIGIBILITY LISTS** (Quezada & Others) This act would require the department of corrections to provide certain nonprofit organizations with a list containing information about formerly incarcerated inmates who have become eligible to vote to assist in their efforts in registering former felons to vote. Judiciary

S-0422 **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-0598 **MAIL BALLOTS-PROOF OF IDENTITY** (Morgan & Others) This act would require any person voting by mail ballot or emergency mail ballot to provide proof of identity, excepting those in a hospital, hospice, or skilled nursing facility. Judiciary

S-0619 **IN PERSON EARLY VOTING** (Lynch Prata & Gallo) This act would end the voting of mail ballots at local board of canvassers. It would also authorize in-person early voting effective July 1, 2018, with the actual procedures to be established by rules promulgated by the state board of elections after consultation with the newly created in-person early voting advisory committee. Judiciary

S-0792 **PRECINCT COUNT UNITS** (Lynch Prata) This act would require at least one precinct count unit be prepared and delivered to each town not divided into voting districts and requires the board of elections to promulgate rules and regulations establishing the number of precinct count units and voting booths to be used at each voting place. Judiciary

S-0793A **QUALIFICATIONS OF PRIMARY OFFICIALS** (Lynch Prata) This act would allow a person appointed as a primary official to be an employee of the United States, of this state, or of any city or town of this state. Judiciary

S-0794 **EXHIBITION/INSTRUCTION OF VOTING EQUIPMENT** (Lynch Prata) This act would give local boards discretion to designate times and places where optical scan voting equipment and sample ballots are exhibited for instructional purposes. Judiciary

S-0797 **CHANGE OF ADDRESS** (Lynch Prata) This act would permit a voter who has moved from one city or town in the state to another thirty (30) days or more prior to an election to vote a full ballot in the new city or town. Judiciary

S-0802 **DELIVERY OF ELECTION SUPPLIES** (Lynch Prata) This act would require that election supplies furnished by the board of elections would be delivered to, or picked up by, the proper officer as determined by the board, no later than twelve o'clock p.m. (12:00 p.m.) on the day before the election. Judiciary

S-0809A **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES** (Lynch Prata) This act would require statewide candidates seeking to be elected by write-in ballots to file a declaration of intent with the secretary of state at least seven (7) days prior to the election and local candidates the same declaration with their board(s) of canvassers. It would also require tallying of write-in votes only for contests in which no candidate appears on the ballot or for candidates meeting the declaration requirements and would require the board of elections to report all votes received by write-in candidates. Judiciary

ENVIRONMENT

H-5481 **UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT** (Tobon & Others) *This act would amend the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Financial Responsibility Act to streamline fund processes and amends or provides several new definitions. The act would also assist the department of environmental management in accessing the underground storage tank financial responsibility fund to conduct environmental cleanup for business owners. Environment & Natural Resources*

H-5484 **WATER SERVICES-QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (Craven & Casimiro) *This act would provide that the Quonset Development Corporation may purchase and obtain water service from any city, town, water district, or other water supply authority. Corporations*

H-5538 **PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT** (Winfield & Carson) *This act would prohibit retail sales establishments from making available to their customers, plastic checkout bags, plastic water bottles or expanded polystyrene disposable food containers at the point of sale. Environment & Natural Resources*

H-5539 **RHODE ISLAND MARINE DEBRIS ACT** (Winfield & Carson) *This act would create the Rhode Island marine debris act for the purpose of reducing the amount of post-consumer packaging that ends up as marine and beach debris. Environment & Natural Resources*

H-5575 **SOLAR ENERGY PERMITTING** (Carson & Others) *This act would require the Rhode Island office of energy resources, in consultation with the building commission to promulgate rules and regulations to create a statewide solar photovoltaic permit application. It would also create an advisory group to create a statewide solar energy permit application. Municipal Government*

H-5617 **WATER SERVICES-QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (Craven & Others) *This act would empower the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) with the ability to purchase water from the Providence Water Supply Board (PWSB) and would allow the Providence Water Supply Board to provide water to the Quonset Business Park. Corporations*

H-5808 **COSTAL ADAPTATION TRUST FUND** (Ruggiero & Others) *This act would establish the Rhode Island coastal adaptation trust fund. The trust would enable cities and towns and the state to apply for grants to fund projects that invest in measures that adapt infrastructure on public lands to address the impacts of climate change. The trust would be funded by fees on barrels of petroleum products. Finance*

H-5606 **RECYCLING PROGRAMS-MULTI FAMILY UNITS/CONDOMINIUMS** (Quattrocchi & Morgan) *This resolution would create a nine (9) member special legislative study commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of efficacy and cost of implementing a recycling program for all multi-family residential units, including condominium complexes, and who would report back to the House of Representatives on or before February 6, 2018, and whose life would expire on April 6, 2018. Environment & Natural Resources*

H-5607 **GEOENGINEERING** (Price) *This act would define and limit the use of solar radiation management and climate geoengineering in the state. The act would define geoengineering as activities specifically and deliberately designed to effect a change in the area climate for any purpose. That act would further provide that no person may implement solar radiation management and 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-5610 **WATER RESOURCES BOARD-MEMBERSHIP** (Marshall) This act would increase the membership of the water resources board WRB from fifteen (15) to twenty-three (23) members consisting of twelve (12) public representatives and eleven (11) members associated with various public agencies. *Environment & Natural Resources*

H-5815 **AIR POLLUTION-WOOD STOVES** (Handy & Others) This act would regulate the phase-out of wood stoves without EPA certification in densely populated residential areas and would require material burned in wood stoves to be clean wood or other approved material. *Environment & Natural Resources*

H-5868 **KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY-BOARD MEMBERSHIP** (Serpa) This act would add two (2) members to the board of the Kent County Water Authority. *Housing & Municipal Government*

H-5907 **LEAD POISONING PREVENTION** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would implement procedures and regulations to test for elevated lead levels in water from any drinking water outlet at any school or early childhood program. The act would include measures to reduce and eliminate lead contamination of water. *H.E.W.*

H-6035 **HOUSE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE PRESENCE AND TREATMENT OF LEAD IN DRINKING WATER-REPORTING/EXPIRATION DATES** (Ackerman & Others) This resolution would amend the membership and extend the reporting and expiration dates of the special House commission to study the presence and treatment of lead in drinking water in the State of Rhode Island, from eight (8) members to nine (9) members, and from April 27, 2017, to January 2, 2018, and said commission would expire on March 2, 2018. *H.E.W.*

H-6112 **ELECTRONIC WASTE PREVENTION, REFUSE, AND RECYCLING** (Fellela & Others) This act would amend several provisions of the electronic waste prevention, reuse and recycling act by amending labeling and registration requirements, adding definitions and provisions for "market share by weight" and "orphan waste" and would add printers to products included under the provisions of the chapter. *Environment & Natural Resources*

H-6122 **RHODE ISLAND COOPERATIVE WATER AUTHORITY** (Slater) This act would establish the Rhode Island cooperative water authority. The authority would have the power to acquire, lease, manage, sell, and otherwise deal with land and water supply systems. The authority would be authorized to issue bonds and notes in furtherance of its mission. *Corporations*

S-0108 **CARBON PRICING PROGRAMS** (Conley & Others) 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-0109 **PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT** (Miller & Others) This act would prohibit retail sales establishments from making available to their customers, plastic checkout bags, plastic water bottles or expanded polystyrene disposable food containers at the point of sale. *Environment & Agriculture*

S-1112 **RENEWABLE ENERGY GROWTH PROGRAM** (Conley & Others) This act would expand the renewable energy growth program for an additional ten (10) years after the fifth program year, with an annual target of forty (40) nameplate megawatts for each year of the ten (10) year period. Environment & Agriculture

S-0163Aaa **KENT COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY-BOARD MEMBERSHIP** (Raptakis) This act would add two members to the board of the Kent County Water Authority. Housing & Municipal Government

S-0334 **MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLIES** (Goldin) This act would provide that a "municipal water supplier" would limit the sale of water from a municipal water supply to customers located within the municipality. Housing & Municipal Government

S-0442A **COASTAL ADAPTATION TRUST FUND** (Lynch Prata & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island coastal adaptation trust fund. The trust would enable cities and towns and the state to apply for grants to fund projects that invest in measures that adapt infrastructure on public lands to address the impacts of climate change. Finance

S-0558 **WATER SERVICES-QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** (Sosnowski) This act would provide that the Quonset Development Corporation may purchase and obtain water service from any city, town, water district, or other water supply authority. Environment & Agriculture

S-0560 **UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would amend the Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Financial Responsibility Act to streamline fund processes and amends or provides several new definitions. The act would also assist the department of environmental management in accessing the underground storage tank financial responsibility fund to conduct environmental cleanup for business owners. Environment & Agriculture

S-0562 **SOLAR ENERGY PERMITTING** (Lynch & Others) This act would require the Rhode Island office of energy resources, in consultation with the building commission to promulgate rules and regulations to create a statewide solar photovoltaic permit application. It would also create an advisory group to create a statewide solar energy permit application. Environment & Agriculture

S-0786 **CARBON PRICING-AUCTION/SALE PROCEEDS** (Sosnowski) This act would provide that proceeds from the auction or sale of allowances to emit a fixed amount of carbon dioxide may be used to promote cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies, zero emission vehicles and charging stations, with the goal of reducing thermal greenhouse gas emissions. Environment & Agriculture

S-0810A **RHODE ISLAND COOPERATIVE WATER AUTHORITY** (Goodwin) This act would establish the Rhode Island cooperative water authority. The authority would have the power to acquire, lease, manage, sell, and otherwise deal with land and water supply systems. The authority would be authorized to issue bonds and notes in furtherance of its mission. Judiciary

S-0887 **LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE RHODE ISLAND WATER RESOURCES BOARD AND WATER SUPPLY** (Sosnowski & Others) This resolution would create a fifteen (15) member special legislative commission to be known as the "Commission to Study the Rhode Island Water Resources Board" whose purpose would be to review all functions and operations of the Water Resources Board and make recommendations, and who would report back to the Senate no later than January 3, 2018, and whose life would expire on March 3, 2018. Education

FINANCE & TAXATION

H-5043 **VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS –LEASED VEHICLES** (*Ackerman & Others*) This act would permit cities and towns to apply the unused excise tax exemption afforded a qualifying veteran or gold star parent on the tax paid on a leased vehicle. Municipal Government

H-5139 **TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY-EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS** (*McKiernan & Others*) This act would exclude from tax exemption any property owned by educational and certain other institutions or libraries where the income or profits are derived from any activity not involving education. This act would also eliminate the tax exemption for estates, persons, and families of qualifying presidents and professors of Brown University. Finance

H-5163 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX ELIMINATION** (*McNamara & Others*) This act would provide for the reduction and elimination of the motor vehicle excise tax over a five (5) year period, from fiscal year 2018 to fiscal year 2022. The act would also provide that cities, towns, and fire districts would be reimbursed from state funds for the revenues lost by the reduction and elimination of the excise tax. Additionally, this act remove the authority of the Rhode Island vehicle value commission to hear and decide appeals and provide for an appeal process based submission of a certified motor vehicle appraisal directly to the city or town assessor. Finance

H-5171 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS** (*O'Brien & Others*) This act would increase the exemption for the motor vehicle excise tax from five hundred dollars (\$500) to six thousand dollars (\$6,000) commencing on fiscal year 2018. Finance

H-5175A **2018 APPROPRIATIONS ACT ARTICLE 11: MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (*Abney*) This act would require that the presumptive values of all motor vehicles subject to excise tax not exceed seventy percent (70%) of the respective values as determined by the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA). Finance

H-5194 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX-NOTIFICATION OF PAYMENT** (*O'Grady*) This act would require a city or town to electronically notify the division of motor vehicles immediately upon receiving payment of personal property, and/or excise taxes on motor vehicles. Municipal Government

H-5236 **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-5238 **EDUCATION AID-FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT** (*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-5249 **PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX** (*Ucci & Winfield*) 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-5250 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (Ucci & Others) This act would reclassify motor vehicles as tangible personal property and require cities and towns to use the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) trade-in value for motor vehicles assessed as of December 31, 2016 and thereafter for purposes of the tangible personal property tax. Finance

H-5251 **COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would establish a community senior services grant program to provide financial assistance to municipalities and nonprofit organizations which operate senior centers and/or senior programs. Finance

H-5286 **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF-DISABLED PERSONS DEFINED** (Cunha & Others) This act would define as "disabled," persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government for purposes of property tax relief. This act would take effect upon passage and would be retroactive to January 1, 2016. Finance

H-5288 **NARRAGANSETT BAY MARINE TASK FORCE-APPROPRIATIONS** (Casimiro & Others) This act would provide for an appropriation of state funds to cities and towns who are members of the Narragansett Bay marine task force (NBMTF) for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay. Finance

H-5289 **REIMBURSEMENT TO VOLUNTEER FIRE/AMBULANCE COMPANIES** (Kennedy & Others) This act would require reimbursement payments from the general fund to volunteer fire departments and ambulance organizations responding to emergencies on or along Route 95. Finance

H-5307 **APPELLATE JURISDICTION-TANGIBLE PROPERTY** (Ucci) 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-5319 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS- SURVIVING SPOUSE** (McEntee & Others) This act would require municipalities to exempt from taxation the real property of a surviving spouse of a law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty, who occupies the real property as their principal place of residence. Finance

H-5320 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS-DISABLED VETERANS** (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) This act would permit a disabled veteran to apply their property tax exemption to a vehicle owned by a family member if used to transport the veteran. Finance

H-5370 **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF-DISABLED PERSONS DEFINED** (Knight & Others) This act would define as "disabled," persons receiving veterans' affairs disability benefits paid by the federal government for purposes of property tax relief. This act would take effect upon passage and would be retroactive to January 1, 2016. Finance

H-5384 **TRAFFIC TRIBUNAL-DIVISION OF FINES** (Filippi & Others) This act would direct that seventy-five percent (75%) of all revenue collected as fines based upon use of a camera or other recording equipment shall be paid over to the municipality in which the violation occurred. Finance

H-5388 **QUALIFYING 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. Finance

H-5459 **PER PUPIL FUNDING CALCULATION** (O'Brien & Others) *This act would provide for a reduction to local per pupil funding for state-operated schools that do not have teachers who participate in the state teacher's retirement system. Finance*

H-5460 **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 5 (50%) of the value of the reimbursement shortfall. Finance*

H-5559 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) *This act would cap the excise tax on vehicles aged fifteen (15) years and older at the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Finance*

H-5570 **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS** (Lima & Others) *This act would enable the towns and cities of North Providence, Johnston, East Greenwich, East Providence, West Greenwich and Narragansett to provide for a proration of the homestead exemption in cases where title to property passes to those entitled to claim an exemption. This act would take effect on August 1, 2018. Municipal Government*

H-5654 **BUILDING PERMIT FEES** (Ruggiero & Others) *This act would require that city and town building permit fees recover no more than the cost of permitting activities during period of normal building activity. Municipal Government*

H-5655 **MUNICIPAL IMPACT FEES** (Barros & Others) *This act would require municipalities to revisit its needs for the basis of imposing impact fees every five (5) years, reduce the time a municipality can retain unspent impact fees from twelve (12) to ten (10) years, provide that impact fees would only be collected at the time of issuance of a certificate of occupancy or other final authorizing action, and provide that all refunds due and not claimed within one year shall be forwarded to the state treasurer's unclaimed property fund. Municipal Government*

H-5658 **VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Casey & Others) *This act would give cities and towns the option of entirely exempting the homestead of a disabled veteran or their surviving spouse from taxation. Municipal Government*

H-5749 **FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT** (Amore & Others) *This act would amend the maintenance of effort provisions to require that local aid be determined by the amount of the previous year's aid, plus inflation or the local contribution for schools for the previous fiscal year plus and increase on a per pupil basis for each additional pupil when average daily membership increases by at least one percent (1%) for two (2) consecutive years. Finance*

H-5751 **EDUCATION AID-STUDENTS LEARNING ENGLISH** (Diaz & Others) *This act would amend the state aid funding formula for compensation of school districts for the additional costs of students learning English. Finance*

H-5752 **REIMBURSEMENT FOR STUDENTS IN GROUP HOMES/RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES** (Fogarty & Tanzi) 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-5753 **EDUCATION AID TRANSITION PLAN-AID REDUCTION LIMITATIONS** (Marshall & Others) This act would limit the reduction in education aid pursuant to the education aid formula for all regional school districts that receive less aid under the new school funding formula. The reduction would be limited to the amount of aid provided for in Fiscal Year 2017. For all fiscal years commencing on or after July 1, 2017, the regional school districts which received less aid would not be subject to any further reductions in education aid over the remaining portion of the ten (10) year phase-in period provided for by the education aid formula. Finance

H-5754 **TAXATION OF REAL AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY** (McKiernan & Others) This act would authorize cities and towns to tax real and/or personal property owned, leased or operated in whole or in part by any nonprofit institution of higher education or nonprofit hospital currently exempt by charter, general, or public law. This act would take effect upon passage and apply to real and tangible property evaluations performed on December 31, 2017 and all future assessments. Finance

H-5755 **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-5779 **TAXATION OF NON-PROFIT HOSPITALS** (Morin & Others) This act would provide that property of nonprofit hospitals that are converted from for-profit to nonprofit shall not be exempt from taxation unless authorized by the municipality in which the hospital is located. This act would also allow the municipality to enter into a tax stabilization agreement with such hospital. Finance

H-5785 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (Marshall & Others) This act would repeal the excise tax on motor vehicles and replace it with user and product landing fees, which fees would be administered by the department of revenue and applied towards reimbursement to municipalities, funding of the state road and bridge revolving fund, and the maintenance of a sustainable revenue stream for the repayment of existing and future state bond indebtedness. Finance

H-5796 **PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAX (PILOT) PAYMENTS** (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) This act would create an opportunity for eligible municipalities to negotiate a greater share of the annual PILOT program appropriation by requiring the state budget office to base its decision, in part, on information submitted by the municipality. Finance

H-5798 **MUNICIPAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS –CONSOLIDATION** (Morgan & Others) This act would direct the department of administration to study the feasibility of using the bonding authority of the state to consolidate the bonded indebtedness of the towns and cities, and if found to be feasible to present a plan to the general assembly, for its consideration and possible enactment, on or before January 1, 2018. Finance

H-5890 **REGIONALIZATION BONUSES** (Kennedy & Others) This act would revise the timing and process for calculating a foundation education aid bonus to regionalized school districts. The act would provide for a two percent (2%) regionalization bonus to all regionalized school districts commencing in Fiscal Year 2018.

This act would also remove the language which provides for the reduction and elimination of the bonus to regionalized school districts over a two (2) year period. Finance

H-5845 **EDUCATION AID TRANSITION PLAN** (Tanzi & Others) *This act would freeze the amount of education aid for local school agencies that are scheduled to receive less aid under the funding formula. The education aid would be frozen at the rate provided in fiscal year 2017 for a period of three (3) years. Finance*

H-5877 **MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEMS-PRUDENT INVESTOR ACT** (Nunes & Others) *This act would establish a prudent investor rule for trustees, directors and retirement system employees of state and municipal retirement systems who invest and manage or delegate the approval of investment or management of retirement system assets. Finance*

H-5887 **REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY-GROWTH CAP** (Perez & Others) *This act would place a cap of twenty percent (20%) on increases in consecutive revaluations of real property in all cities and towns conducting revaluations commencing 3 December 31, 2017 and every December 31 thereafter. Municipal Government*

H-5893 **MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM** (Edwards & Others) *This act would establish the Rhode Island municipal infrastructure grant program to issue public infrastructure grants to municipalities and other public instrumentalities for design, construction, building, land acquisition, rehabilitation, repair and other improvements to publicly- owned infrastructure. Finance*

H-5912 **QUALIFYING LOW INCOME HOUSING** (Phillips & Others) *This act would provide that effective January 1, 2018, residential properties that are part of Section 202 or Section 811 Federal Supportive Housing Programs, or project-based Section 8 housing, may be taxed up to twelve percent (12%) of the property's previous year's gross scheduled rental income, so long as the property utilized an operating cost basis for federal reimbursement. Finance*

H-5922 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-AGRICULTURE** (Fogarty & 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-5980 **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING- DAVIES/THE MET CAREER & TECH SCHOOLS** (Marszalkowski & Others) *This act would provide that beginning in FY 2018, 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%) of the average daily membership of all pupils attending public schools within those school districts. Finance*

H-5995 **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AGREEMENTS** (Craven & Casimiro) *This act would allow infrastructure of a political subdivision to qualify for tax increment financing agreements. This act would also permit a municipality entering into a TIF agreement with the commerce corporation to pledge and assign the municipality's interest in the TIF agreement as security for any loan from the Rhode Island infrastructure bank to the municipality. Finance*

H-6074 **TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ELIMINATION** (Nardolillo) *This act would abolish city and town taxes on tangible personal property, and provide for the state to reimburse each municipality for the lost revenue. Finance*

H-6095 **FARM, FOREST, OPEN SPACE-RENEWABLE ENERGY EXEMPTIONS** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would exempt land previously classified as farm, forest or open space land from land use change tax if the change is for purposes of a commercial renewable energy system. Municipal Government

H-6097 **DAVIES/THE MET CAREER & TECH SCHOOLS-LOCAL DISTRICT PAYMENTS** (Amore & Others) This act would require local district payments to Davies, and the Met Center schools only for those periods where a student is both enrolled and physically present in attendance at those schools. Finance

H-6129 **MUNICIPAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ACT** (Barros & Others) This act would amend provisions of the tax increment financing act in order to encourage municipalities to use tax increment financing to facilitate economic development. Finance

H-6147 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS** (Carson & Handy) This act would allow municipalities with a population density greater than two thousand (2,000) people per square mile to exempt from taxation real property used for agricultural operations. Municipal Government

H-6131 **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING-LOCAL DISTRICT PAYMENTS** (O'Grady & Others) This act would have local district payments to charter public schools made only for those periods during which a student is enrolled and attending the charter school. Finance

H-6175 **EDUCATION EQUITY AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would authorize the appropriation of the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) in Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020, for a total of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) over those three (3) years. In each fiscal year, seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) would be allocated to school districts to promote career, technical, and vocational education, and three million dollars (\$3,000,000) would be allocated as additional education aid to pay charter school tuitions. Finance

H-6186 **FUNDING FOR ADULT EDUCATION** (Amore & Others) This act would designate that ten percent (10%) of adult education funding be used for workplace based programs to develop employment skills. Finance

H-6204 **MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS** (Morgan & Others) This act would require that any altered roadway be restored to the same or better condition that existed prior to the alteration, immediately after the completion of the alteration, including interim measures as needed on an ongoing basis and would provide a daily penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) for failure to comply. Housing & Municipal Government

H-6267 **TAXATION-EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS** (Mattiello & Others) This act would provide for the reduction and elimination of the motor vehicle excise tax. The act also provides that cities, towns, and fire districts would be reimbursed for the revenues lost by the reduction and elimination of the excise tax. This act would take effect on July 1, 2017. Finance

H-6316 **LEVY AND ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES** (Solomon & 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

H-6362 **REAL ESTATE EXEMPTION** (McNamara & 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. H.E.W.

S-0026 **PAYMENT TO VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES** (Raptakis & Fogarty) This act would require reimbursement payments from the general fund to volunteer fire departments responding to emergencies on or along Route 95. Finance

S-0035 **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-0044 **PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX** (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-0114 **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-0123 **REGIONALIZATION BONUSES** (Felag & Others) This act would amend the provisions of the Education Equity and Property Tax Relief Act by setting 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-0125 **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-0126 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS-DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES** (Crowley and Others) This act would provide an exemption to the motor vehicle excise tax for residents of distressed communities of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in 2018, four thousand dollars (\$4,000) in 2019, and six thousand dollars (\$6,000) beginning in fiscal year 2020 and each year thereafter. Finance

S-0128 **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-0138 **PERMANENT FOUNDATION EDUCATION AID** (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-0139 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX EXEMPTIONS-PLUG IN VEHICLES** (Miller) This act would exempt qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles from excise taxes. Finance

S-0142 **CHARTER SCHOOLS – HOUSING COST REIMBURSEMENT/CALCULATION** (DiPalma & Others) This act would amend the provisions by which charter public schools apply for state aid for reimbursement of school housing costs and would further amend the calculation method of housing costs under this section. Finance

S-0143 **START UP RHODE ISLAND TAX FREE ZONES PROGRAM** (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-0208 **EDUCATION AID-FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT** (Picard) This act would amend the calculation of the permanent foundation education aid to school districts, and would make an adjustment based upon students residing in qualified low-income housing. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to all school years commencing on or after July 1, 2017. Finance

S-0209 **COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM** (Picard) This act would establish a community senior services grant program to provide financial assistance to municipalities and nonprofit organizations which operate senior centers and/or senior programs. Finance

S-0218 **REVALUATION/UPDATES OF REAL PROPERTY** (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-0250 **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Pearson & Others) This act would provide that beginning in FY 2018, 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%) of the average daily membership of all pupils 4 attending public schools within those school districts. Finance

S-0252 **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING- TUITION HOLDBACK PROVISIONS** (Pearson & Picard) This act would adjust the charter school tuition hold back provision in last year's budget by allowing the school districts to choose between withholding seven percent (7%) or the difference in unique costs. Finance

S-0253 **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING-REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS** (Doyle & DiPalma) This act would amend the provisions by which charter public schools apply for state aid for reimbursement of school housing costs and would further amend the calculation method of housing costs under this section. Finance

S-0258 **MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM** (Satchell & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island municipal infrastructure grant program to issue public infrastructure grants to municipalities and other public instrumentalities for design, construction, building, land acquisition, rehabilitation, repair and other improvements to publicly- owned infrastructure. Finance

S-0260 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX-REIMBURSEMENT** (Pearson & Others) Beginning in fiscal year 2018, this act would provide reimbursement to the cities and towns for the motor vehicle excise tax based on the percentage of respective values for each city and town, of the total values in the state. Finance

S-0302 **AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS-APPROPRIATIONS** (Crowley & Others) This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$300,000 to the department of health for evidence-based after school programming for youth to decrease mental health concerns. Education

S-0308 **REVENUE SHARING-PERSONAL INCOME TAX** (Satchell) This act would provide for revenue sharing with municipalities commencing in fiscal year 2018, 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, 2018. Finance

S-0309 **PUBLIC FINANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD** (DaPonte) This act would amend the provisions of the general law, establishing the public finance management board to include more types of public agencies. The act would also expand the types of financing the board can oversee, including GARVEE bonds and financing leases. Finance

S-0313 **PER PUPIL FUNDING CALCULATION** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would provide for a reduction to local per pupil funding for state-operated schools that do not have teachers who participate in the state teacher's retirement system. Finance

S-0319 **ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION-MICRO ZONES** (Metts & Others) This act would create micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization, employment opportunities, and business development through the redevelopment of obsolete, dilapidated and abandoned industrial and commercial structures. Finance

S-0320 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX-UNIFORM RATES** (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 rate. It would be funded by motor vehicle related fees and the motor vehicle excise tax phase-out exemption would be paid by the state to the cities and towns for the sole purpose of providing real estate property tax relief. Finance

S-0333 **CALUCLATION OF IMPACT FEES** (Crowley & Others) This act would require municipalities to revisit its needs for the basis of imposing impact fees every five (5) years, reduce the time a municipality can retain unspent impact fees from twelve (12) to ten (10) years, provide that impact fees would only be collected at the time of issuance of a certificate of occupancy or other final authorizing action, and provide that all refunds due and not claimed within one year shall be forwarded to the state treasurer's unclaimed property fund. Finance

S-0395 **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS** (Lombardi & Others) This act would provide for a proration of the homestead exemption in cases where title to property passes from those not entitled to claim an exemption to those who are entitled. Judiciary

S-0414A **REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX** (Goldin) This act would exempt from the real estate conveyance tax certain low-income and affordable housing developments. Judiciary

S-0449 **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF-DISABLED PERSONS DEFINED** (Felag) 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-0453 **NARRAGANSETT BAY MARINE TASK FORCE-APPROPRIATIONS** (Lombardi & Others) *This act would provide for an appropriation of state funds to cities and towns who are members of the Narragansett Bay marine task force (NBMTF) for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay. Finance*

S-0454 **LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PENSION PLANS** (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-0459 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-SURVIVING SPOUSE** (Coyne & Others) *This act would exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law enforcement officer or fire fighter killed in the line of duty. Finance*

S-0461 **TAXATION OF NON-PROFIT HOSPITALS** (Morin & Others) *This act would provide that property of nonprofit hospitals that are converted from for-profit to nonprofit shall not be exempt from taxation unless authorized by the municipality in which the hospital is located. This act would also allow the municipality to enter into a tax stabilization agreement with such hospital. Finance*

S-0472 **EDUCATION AID-EXTRAORDINARY COSTS DEFINED** (DiPalma & Others) *This act would redefine extraordinary costs of educational costs that exceed the state approved threshold based on an amount above five times the core foundation amount by deleting "five times" and defining extraordinary costs as those that exceed the state approved threshold based on an amount above the core foundation amount. It would also abolish the requirement that the department of elementary and secondary education collect data on those costs that exceed the state approved threshold based on an amount above four times the core foundation amount. Finance*

S-0568 **FOUNDATION LEVEL SCHOOL SUPPORT** (DiPalma & Others) *This act would amend the maintenance of effort provisions to require that local aid be determined by the amount of the previous year's aid, plus inflation or the local contribution for schools for the previous fiscal year plus and increase on a per pupil basis for each additional pupil when average daily membership increases by at least one percent (1%) for two (2) consecutive years. Finance*

S-0570 **FARM, FOREST, OPEN SPACE-RENEWABLE ENERGY EXEMPTIONS** (Sosnowski & Others) *This act would exempt land previously classified as farm, forest or open space land from land use change tax if the change is for purposes of a commercial renewable energy system. Finance*

S-0572 **EDUCATION AID-REGIONALIZATION BONUSES** (Kettle & Others) *This act would revise the timing and process for calculating a foundation education aid bonus to regionalized school districts. The act would provide for a two percent (2%) regionalization bonus to all regionalized school districts commencing in Fiscal Year 2018. This act would also remove the language which provides for the reduction and elimination of the bonus to regionalized school districts over a two (2) year period. Finance*

S-0573 **EDUCATION AID-REGIONALIZATION BONUSES** (Morgan & Others) This act would remove the language which provides for the reduction and elimination of the foundation education aid bonus that is given to regionalized school districts and phased out over a two (2) year period. Finance

S-0575 **VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS DEFINED** (Lynch Prata & 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. Finance

S-0640 **HOTEL TAX-DISTRIBUTION** (DiPalma & Others) This act would maintain the forty-seven percent (47%) distribution percentage with respect to hotel tax proceeds generated in the various regional tourism districts. Finance

S-0653 **PACE AWARDS/ELIGIBILITY** (Pearson & Others) This act would amend several sections relative to the eligibility and award process for projects that receive financial assistance from PACE (Property Assessment Clean Energy) programs and the Rhode Island infrastructure bank. Housing & Municipal Government

S-0690 **EDUCATION AID-STUDENTS LEARNING ENGLISH** (Quezada & Others) This act would amend the state aid funding formula for compensation of school districts for the additional costs of students learning English. Finance

S-0691 **TAXATION OF REAL AND TANGIBLE PROPERTY** (Metts & Others) This act would authorize cities and towns to tax real and/or personal property owned, leased or operated in whole or in part by any nonprofit institution of higher education or nonprofit hospital currently exempt by charter, general, or public law. This act would take effect upon passage and apply to real and tangible property evaluations performed on December 31, 2017 and all future assessments. Finance

S-0702 **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING** (Satchell & Others) This act would have local district payments to charter public schools made only for those periods during which a student is enrolled and attending the charter school. Education

S-0731 **CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING - DAVIES/THE MET CAREER & TECH SCHOOLS** (Gee) This act would provide that beginning in FY 2018, 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%) of the average daily membership of all pupils attending public schools within those school districts. Education

S-0732 **EARLY CHILDHOOD INNOVATION FUND** (Jabour & Others) This act would establish an early childhood innovation fund to help close the achievement gap for at-risk children as they enter kindergarten. Education

S-0829 **HOTEL TAX** (Lynch & Others) This act would extend by one year, to June 30, 2018, the existing formula used to distribute hotel tax funds. Finance

S-0830 **ALLOWS MUNICIPALITIES TO EXEMPT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY** (Crowley & Others) This act would allow municipalities with a population density greater than two thousand (2,000) people per square mile to exempt from taxation real property used for agricultural operations. Finance

S-0935 **TAXATION-EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS** (Ruggerio) *This act would provide for the reduction and elimination of the motor vehicle excise tax. The act also provides that cities, towns, and fire districts would be reimbursed for the revenues lost by the reduction and elimination of the excise tax. This act would take effect on July 1, 2017. Finance*

S-0967 **PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION** (Cote & Picard) *This act would provide that in the event a for-profit hospital was acquired by a not-for-profit corporation, or if an existing for-profit hospital was otherwise converted to a not-for-profit hospital, the hospital would continue its pre-conversion tax status, and would be subject to taxation by the local municipal taxing authority. Finance*

S-0970 **RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES AND CLOSED MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT PLANS** (DaPonte) *This act would make it more efficient for locally administered municipal retirement plans to join the state municipal employees retirement system, by providing greater flexibility in funding policies depending on the circumstances of each municipal plan. This act would also enable municipal governmental entities to allow the state investment commission, in conjunction with the treasurer, to invest municipal assets with new participants in order to maximize cost efficiency and improve safety and liquidity. Finance*

FIRE DISTRICTS

H-5044 **LONSDALE FIRE DISTRICT MERGER** (O'Grady) *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. This act would require notice be given by the fire districts to the electors prior to the election. Municipal Government*

H-5273 **COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING** (Nunes & Others) *This act would change the date of the annual meeting of the Coventry Fire District from the second Tuesday of December to the second Wednesday of November. And would change the district's fiscal year to the calendar year beginning in 2019. Municipal Government*

H-5357 **BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Roberts & Others) *This act would remove fire districts from budget commission oversight. Finance*

H-5740 **CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT CHARTER AMENDMENTS** (Morgan & Raptakis) *This act makes certain amendments and additions to the Central Coventry Fire District charter to include changes in quorum requirements for annual meetings, qualifications for serving on the board of directors, powers/removal of board members, powers and duties of tax assessor, finance director, and tax collector, authorization to issue tax anticipation notes (TANs), and a fifteen percent (15%) cap on indebtedness. Municipal Government*

H-5848 **COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL APPROPRIATION** (Roberts & Others) *This act would repeal the section of the general laws which provides for an automatic appropriation for Coventry Fire Districts which fail to approve an annual appropriation. Municipal Government*

H-5904 **CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT FIRE COMMITTEE** (Marszalkowski & 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. Housing & Municipal Government*

H-5966 **WEST GLOCESTER FIRE DISTRICT CHARTER AMENDMENTS** (Chippendale & Others) *This act would amend the charter of the West Gloucester Fire District. Municipal Government*

H-6168 **OPEN MEETINGS-RECORDING OF MINUTES** (Marshall & 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*

S-0032 **CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT-REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS** (Raptakis) *This act would require the state to reimburse Central Coventry Fire District for all costs associated with compliance with Pub L. 2014, ch. 31, which brought all fire districts in the state within the purview of the state laws on budget commissions. Finance*

S-0162 **COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING** (Raptakis) *This act would change the date of the annual meeting of the Coventry Fire District from the second Tuesday of December to the second Wednesday of November. And would change the district's fiscal year to the calendar year beginning in 2019. Housing & Municipal Government*

S-0220 **CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DISTRICT CHARTER AMENDMENTS** (Kettle & Raptakis) *This act makes certain amendments and additions to the Central Coventry Fire District charter to include changes in quorum requirements for annual meetings, qualifications for serving on the board of directors, powers/removal of board members, powers and duties of tax assessor, finance director, and tax collector, authorization to issue tax anticipation notes (TANs), and a fifteen percent (15%) cap on indebtedness. Housing & Municipal Government*

S-0478 **CUMBERLAND FIRE DISTRICT FIRE COMMITTEE** (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. Housing & Municipal Government*

S-0708 **WEST GLOCESTER FIRE DISTRICT CHARTER AMENDMENTS** (Fogarty) *This act would amend the charter of the West Gloucester Fire District. Housing & Municipal Government*

S-0761 **OPEN MEETINGS** (Felag & 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*

HOUSING

H-5039 **INJUNCTIONS/RESTRAINING ORDERS** (Lombardi & Hull) 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-5134 **RESOLUTION EXTENDING REPORTING/EXPIRATION DATES OF LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ACT** (Maldonado & Others) This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the legislative commission to study the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act from February 11, 2017, to May 30, 2017, and said commission would expire on July 30, 2017. Municipal Government

H-5266 **HOUSING DISCRIMINATION DEFINED** (Williams & Others) This act would prohibit discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income. Judiciary

H-5565 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT** (Slater & Others) This act would enable the general assembly to appropriate not less than five million dollars annually in capital financing for affordable housing development. Finance

H-5678 **SERVICE ANIMALS** (Donovan & Others) This act would guarantee persons with service animals reasonable access to housing provided the service animal does not provide a direct threat to the health and safety of others. H.E.W.

H-5697 **HOUSING STATUS** (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) This act clarifies that "housing status" is a protected class under the Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act. Judiciary

H-5741 **MULTI UNIT RESIDENCES-SMOKING PROHIBITED** (Solomon & Others) This act would prohibit smoking in common areas of multi-unit residential developments. H.E.W.

H-5849 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Roberts & Others) This act would qualify mobile and manufactured homes as affordable housing when installed in mobile home parks in groups of twenty (20) or more. Municipal Government

S-0236 **HOUSING DISCRIMINATION DEFINED** (Metts & Others) This act would prohibit discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income. Judiciary

S-0317 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT** (Cicccone & McCaffery) This act would enable the general assembly to appropriate not less than five million dollars annually in capital financing for affordable housing development. Finance

LABOR RELATIONS

H-5230 **MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION** (McEntee & Others) *This act would relieve municipal police unions of their obligation to represent an employee, in grievance process, if that employee has elected not to maintain union membership for at least ninety (90) days prior to the events giving rise to the grievance event. It would also give the union a right to participate in the grievance process for an employee that is not entitled to union representation. Labor*

H-5232 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION** (McEntee & Others) *This act would relieve municipal employees' unions of their obligation to represent an employee, in grievance process, if that employee has elected not to maintain union membership for at least ninety (90) days prior to the events giving rise to the grievance event. It would also give the union a right to participate in the grievance process for an employee that is not entitled to union representation. Labor*

H-5313 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION** (Bennett & Others) *This act would grant municipal employees the right to binding arbitration on contract formation financial issues. It would also allow existing contract language to continue to apply even after its expiration under certain conditions. Labor*

H-5593 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE & TEACHER ARBITRATION** (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) *This act would require that the contractual provisions contained in an otherwise expired collective bargaining agreement with certified school teachers and municipal employees would continue until a successor agreement has been reached between the parties. Labor*

H-5597 **MUNICIPAL POLICE & FIREFIGHTER ARBITRATION** (Almeida & Others) *This act would allow expired collective bargaining agreements for firefighters and municipal police to remain in effect until a successor agreement becomes operative. Labor*

H-5973 **FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION** (O'Brien & Others) *This act would broaden the definition of "employee" for purposes of health care facilities staffing. In addition to nurses, employees would include assistants and technologists providing direct medical care to patients. This act would also allow a person's union or association to file an appeal from the administrator to the personnel appeal board. Labor*

H-6154 **SELECTION OF ARBITRATORS** (Shekarchi) *This act would replace the American Arbitration Association, as the selector of labor arbitrators, in non-grievance contract matters, with the director of the department of labor and training. The director shall select retired Rhode Island judges and magistrates for firefighter, police, teacher and municipal employee matters. Labor*

S-0190 **MUNICIPAL POLICE 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-0285 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE & TEACHER ARBITRATION** (McCaffrey) *This act would require that the contractual provisions contained in an otherwise expired collective bargaining agreement with certified*

school teachers and municipal employees would continue until a successor agreement has been reached between the parties. Labor

S-0288 **FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION** (Goodwin & Others) This act would allow unionized firefighters to enter into an agreement which continues all contractual provisions contained in an expiring contract until a successor agreement has been reached. Labor

S-0503 **MUNICIPAL POLICE & FIREFIGHTER ARBITRATION** (Coyne & Others) This act would allow expired collective bargaining agreements for firefighters and municipal police to remain in effect until a successor agreement becomes operative. Labor

S-0677 **SELECTION OF ARBITRATORS** (Lombardo & Conley) This act would replace the American Arbitration Association, as the selector of labor arbitrators, in non-grievance contract matters, with the director of the department of labor and training. The director shall select retired Rhode Island judges and magistrates for firefighter, police, teacher and municipal employee matters. Labor

S-0678 **TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE** (Goldin & Others) This act would expand temporary disability insurance benefits to state and municipal employees, increase TDI benefits, change the calculation of the taxable wage base, modify the contribution formula and increase the maximum amount of benefit weeks from thirty (30) to thirty-two (32). It also would increase from four (4) to six (6) weeks the length of time employees can receive temporary caregiver insurance benefits and would make employees who care for their siblings or grandchildren eligible for benefits. Labor

S-0975 **FIREFIGHTERS' ARBITRATION** (Coyne & Others) This act would grant the exclusive bargaining agent the right to act for and negotiate on behalf of bargaining unit members and provide grievance representation only to firefighters who have maintained membership for at least ninety (90) days prior to the event that resulted in a grievance. Labor

S-0977 **MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION** (Coyne & Others) This act would relieve municipal police unions of their obligation to represent an employee, in grievance process, if that employee has elected not to maintain union membership for at least ninety (90) days prior to the events giving rise to the grievance event. It would also give the union a right to participate in the grievance process for an employee that is not entitled to union representation. Labor

S-0978 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' ARBITRATION** (Coyne & Others) This act would relieve municipal employees' unions of their obligation to represent an employee, in grievance process, if that employee has elected not to maintain union membership 3 for at least ninety (90) days prior to the events giving rise to the grievance event. It would also give the union a right to participate in the grievance process for an employee that is not entitled to union representation.

LIQUOR CONTROL & LICENSES

H-5348 **ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROGRAMS** (Johnston) This act would provide that the department of business regulation administer alcoholic server training programs rather than the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals. Corporations

H-5350 **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-5376 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSING/MANUFACTURING FEES** (Morin & Others) This act would reduce the alcoholic beverage manufacturing and wholesale licensing fee from three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to five hundred dollars (\$500). Finance

H-5623 **RETAIL LICENSE HOLDERS-CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE** (Johnston) 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. Corporations

H-5624 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES-CATERER'S LICENSES** (Ajello & Others) This act would specify the hours during the day in which Class P licensees may sell or serve alcoholic beverages, would allow the department of business regulation to impose greater penalties for violations of this section, would prohibit regular alcohol sales within two hundred feet (200') of a school or place of worship, and would enable cities or towns to fix earlier starting times or later ending times for the hours during which Class P licensees may sell or serve alcoholic beverages. Corporations

H-5625 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SAMPLING** (O'Brien & Others) This act would amend the statute on wine and beer, and distilled spirit sampling or tastings to permit the wholesaler to supply free product to Class A licensees for use in such sampling or tastings. Corporations

H-5964 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE TASTINGS** (O'Brien & Others) This act would permit retail class A alcohol license holders, wholesalers, and suppliers to provide liquor, malt beverages, wine and other alcoholic beverages at tastings to be conducted on premises, or at retail premises by wholesalers and would provide that such alcoholic beverages could be served up to certain amounts. Any beverages not used at retail establishments by wholesalers would have to be returned to the wholesaler and invoices would have to be generated indicating what was delivered and what unused portion was returned. Servers would have to be trained under an alcohol server program. Food may be served at any tastings authorized under this section. Corporations

H-6193 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SERVER TRAINING** (Serpa) This act would prohibit individuals from completing alcohol-server training requirements from online or Internet sources. Corporations

H-6255 ***ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES-RETAIL LICENSES*** (O'Brien & Others) This act would amend the number of occasions upon which a Class A license holder under this chapter may dispense unlimited samples of wine products. Corporations

H-6339 ***ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES-RETAIL LICENSES*** (Williams & Others) This act would provide that all Class A liquor license holders located in the city of Providence shall not be permitted to open for business until nine o'clock (9:00) a.m. This act would take effect on September 1, 2017.

S-0291 ***WINE DIRECT SHIPPERS LICENSE*** (Pearson & 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-0292 ***ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROGRAMS*** (Felag) This act would provide that the department of business regulation administer alcoholic server training programs rather than the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

S-0296 ***ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE RETAIL LICENSES-PROXIMITY RESTRICTIONS*** (Fogarty & Others) This act would provide that on and after July 1, 2017, 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-0364 ***ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING*** (Raptakis & Goodwin) This act would prohibit individuals from completing alcohol-server training requirements from online or internet sources. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

S-0373 ***RETAIL LICENSE HOLDERS-CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE*** (Nesslebusch & 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. This act would take effect on May 1, 2017, and would apply to any new or renewed license issued or renewed on or after May 1, 2017. Judiciary

S-0514 ***ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SAMPLING*** (Lynch Prata & Others) This act would amend the statute on wine and beer, and distilled spirit sampling or tastings to permit the wholesaler to supply free product to Class A licensees for use in such sampling or tastings. Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

S-0815 ***ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES-CATERER'S LICENSES*** (Goldin) This act would create additional restrictions on the times for which caterers with a Class P license may serve alcohol and provides for the additional penalty of possible suspension or revocation of license for violations of this section. Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

[S-0903](#) **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES-RETAIL LICENSES** (*Gallo & Others*) *This act would amend the number of occasions upon which a Class A license holder under this chapter may dispense unlimited samples of wine products. Judiciary*

PLANNING & ZONING

H-5042aa **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. Municipal Government

H-5234 **COMPREHENSIVE PLANS-SCHOOL SYSTEMS** (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) This act would require all town or city comprehensive plans to include, address and incorporate the present and future interests of the school system, including infrastructure, curriculum and instruction needs as well as maintenance, administration, and school buildings, transportation routes, fields, playgrounds, sidewalks, raised crosswalks and parking lots. Municipal Government

H-5475A **LAND DEVELOPMENT-PRELIMINARY/MASTER PLANS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would shorten the time periods related to certifications, decision-making and recordings of decisions for major land development and major subdivision master and preliminary plans. Municipal Government

H-5476 **DISASTER RECOVERY VARIANCES** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would establish a separate variance process for certain properties that sustain damages as a result of a state emergency or local disaster emergency. Municipal Government

H-5573 **ZONING ORDINANCES-NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would require that when a proposed amendment to a zoning ordinance includes changes to dimensional requirements for a specific zone, the city or town must provide written notice of the public hearing to all owners of real property whose property is located in the area proposed for change, as well as to any entity holding a recorded conservation or reservation restriction on property subject to amendment. Municipal Government

H-5850 **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Casimiro & Others) This act would allow mobile and manufactured homes which are a part of a mobile and manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of compliance with the requirements of the city or town's comprehensive land use plan. Municipal Government

H-6062 **FARM CONSERVATION & RENEWABLE ENERGY** (Tanzi) This act would provide for the siting and operating standards for farm-based renewable energy facilities. Environment & Agriculture

H-6113 **FIRE PROTECTION RESERVOIRS-ALTERNATIVES** (Winfield) This act would permit the substitution by a developer of sprinklers in new developments instead of cisterns or water reservoirs for fire suppression, if allowed by ordinance. Municipal Government

H-6116 **ADOPTION OF HOUSING ORDINANCES** (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-6172 **RIGHT TO FARM** (Costantino) This act would define secondary agricultural operations and would provide that municipalities may limit and regulate secondary agricultural use but not prohibit such operations. Housing & Municipal Government

S-0217 **COMPREHENSIVE PLANS-LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (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-0480 **ZONING ORDINANCES-NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** (McCaffrey & Archambault) This act would require that when a proposed amendment to a zoning ordinance includes changes to dimensional requirements for a specific zone, the city or town must provide written notice of the public hearing to all owners of real property whose property is located in the area proposed for change, as well as to any entity holding a recorded conservation or reservation restriction on property subject to amendment. Housing & Municipal Government

S-0481A **LAND DEVELOPMENT-PRELIMINARY/MASTER PLANS** (McCaffrey & Archambault) This act would shorten the time periods related to certifications, decision-making and recordings of decisions for major land development and major subdivision master and preliminary plans. Housing & Municipal Government

S-0581 **COMPREHENSIVE PLANS-LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Kettle & Others) This act would qualify mobile and manufactured homes as affordable housing when installed in mobile home parks in groups of twenty (20) or more. Housing & Municipal Government

S-0653 **DISASTER RECOVERY VARIANCES** (Ciccone & Others) This act would establish a separate variance process for certain properties that sustain damages as a result of a state emergency or local disaster emergency. Housing & Municipal Government

S-0703 **FARM CONSERVATION & RENEWABLE ENERGY** (DiPalma & Others) This act would provide for the siting and operating standards for farm-based renewable energy facilities. Environment & Agriculture

S-0943 **SOLAR ENERGY PERMITTING** (Gallo & Others) This act would promote the development and utilization of solar energy systems by 2 reducing local burdens on the development process thereto. Environment & Agriculture

PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE & FIRE)

H-5040 **FIREWORKS** (Hearn & Others) This act would prohibit the use of certain fireworks, other than by lawfully issued permit, anytime other than between the dates of June 30 and July 9. Judiciary

H-5046 **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY TRAINING** (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-5047 **MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY TRAINING** (Lombardi & McEntee) This act would require the 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-5067 **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS** (Amore & Others) This act would prohibit any person convicted of a misdemeanor crime involving domestic violence from purchasing, owning, transporting, carrying, or possessing any firearm. Offenses punishable as petty misdemeanors would be excluded from this prohibition. Further, it would provide that those people who have had their convictions expunged, set aside, or who have had their civil rights restored would not be considered a prohibited person under this chapter. Judiciary

H-5093 **FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW –STATE & LOCAL ENFORCEMENT** (Corvese & Others) This act would promote cooperation and assistance in the enforcement of immigration laws concerning potential immigration law violations, would create a governmental duty to investigate and report potential immigration violations, a private cause of action, and complaint procedures. Finally, it would establish civil and criminal penalties for failure to further the active enforcement of immigration laws. Judiciary

H-5099 **FIREWORKS** (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-5014 **ANIMAL ABUSER REGISTRY** (Corvese & 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-5152 **TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING** (Lima & Others) This act would amend the law prohibiting texting while operating a motor vehicle in order to clarify that drivers are permitted to make phone calls or use GPS navigation tools and applications. Judiciary

H-5155 **WEAPONS-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-5156 **WEAPONS-STUN GUN PERMITTING** (Lima & Others) This act would permit the possession of a stun-gun under the same license conditions which apply to possession of a pistol. Judiciary

H-5182 **MOBILE TELEPHONE 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-5188 **IDENTIFICATION AND APPREHENSION OF CRIMINALS** (Nardolillo & Others) This act would require the division of sheriffs to verify the immigration status of each incarcerated person presented to the court for any hearing, to notify ICE as to any such person lacking legal immigration status, and to cooperate with ICE on deportation proceedings. Judiciary

H-5260 **HATE CRIMES DEFINED** (Lima & Others) This act would add police, firefighters and emergency medical technicians to the class of protected people included in the hate crimes sentencing act. Judiciary

H-5262 **POSSESSION OF RIFLES/SHOTGUNS –SALE OF FIREARMS TO MINORS** (Diaz & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any person carry a rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or conveyance or on or about their person except under limited circumstances of at least fifteen (15) years imprisonment. The act would also provide an enhanced penalty to those who unlawfully sold, transferred, given, conveyed, or caused to be sold, transferred, given or conveyed a firearm to any person under eighteen (18) years of age and that firearm is used in a crime of violence. Judiciary

H-5263 **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY MINORS** (Diaz & Others) This act would criminalize the possession of a firearm by a minor and 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-5345 **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS** (Kazarian & 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-5351 **POLICE AND FIREFIGHTER RESIDENCY** (Bennett & Others) This act would prohibit municipal charters and ordinances from requiring that their police officers and firefighters reside within the state of Rhode Island. Judiciary

H-5437 **IMITATION FIREARMS** (Maldonado & Others) This act would define imitation firearm and provide that is unlawful for any person to change, alter, remove, or obliterate any coloration or markings that are required by an applicable state or federal law or regulation for any imitation firearm in any way that makes the imitation firearm look to be an operable firearm. Violation of this section would be punishable by imprisonment for up to one year, or a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both. This act would also prevent a person from receiving or possessing a firearm on which any mark of identification on the firearm has been changed. Judiciary

H-5469 **PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING DATABASE** (McNamara) This act would allow information contained in the prescription drug monitoring database to be disclosed to a certified law enforcement drug diversion investigator of a qualified law enforcement agency who has completed a certification course approved by director of the department of health and certified by the police officers commission on standards and training. H.E.W.

H-5503 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION** (Jacquard & Others) This act would repeal the current provisions of §11-37.1 titled Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Act and implement the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) (Title I of Public Law 109-248). Section 2 would take effect upon passage. Sections 1 and 3 would take effect on July 1, 2018, and would apply to all persons who are or have been convicted of a sex offense and are required to register as a sex offender as provided by this act. Finance

H-5510 **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would limit access to firearms when an individual is under certain types of domestic restraining orders or protective orders issued or renewed on or after July 1, 2017. Judiciary

H-5521 **UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES** (Filippi & Others) This act would comprehensively regulate the use of unmanned aerial vehicles and the use of any information that they may generate. Judiciary

H-5547 **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY MINORS** (Williams & Others) This act would criminalize the possession of a firearm by a minor and 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-5554 **PURCHASE/TRANSFER OF FIREARMS** (Johnston) This act would provide that no person shall knowingly purchase or otherwise obtain a firearm on behalf of or transfer to a person who the transferor knows or reasonably should know is prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm under federal or state law. Violation would be punishable by imprisonment up to ten (10) years, or a fine of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both for the first offense and for any subsequent offense by mandatory imprisonment of two (2) to fifteen (15) years or a fine of up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), or both. Judiciary

H-5616 **INVESTIGATION OF FIRES-ACCESS TO PREMESIS** (Winfield) This act would require state fire marshals and other public officials to prohibit insurance adjusters and other contractors from physical presence on the premises under investigation until twenty-four (24) hours after control of the premises is released to its owner or occupant unless accompanied by, or acting with, permission of the legal owner, and would provide penalties for violation. Corporations

H-5692 **SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE STUDY COMMISSION –POLICE SEIZURES** (McEntee & Others) 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 May 25, 2017, and whose life would expire on 5 June 1, 2017. Judiciary

H-5729 **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS-RECIPROSCITY** (Perez) This act would allow those persons with concealed carry permits issued by other states to carry upon their person weapons in Rhode Island provided that the issuing state recognizes and gives reciprocity to RI permit holders. Judiciary

H-5730 **PISTOL PERMITS-BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Slater & Others) This act would provide that applicants for a license or permit to carry a firearm under the applicable provisions of the general laws must undergo a national criminal records check, which shall include fingerprints submitted to the federal bureau of investigation (FBI). Judiciary

H-5735 **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-5756 **MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING** (Ruggiero & Others) This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 to the Rhode Island State Police Municipal Police Academy for law enforcement mental health training. Finance

H-5763 **RELIEF OF INJURED OR DECEASED POLICE/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. Finance

H-5866 **IDENTIFICATION OF FIREARMS-ALTERATION** (McKiernan & Others) This act would make alteration of firearm identification marks punishable by not less than two (2) years imprisonment and by no more than five (5) years imprisonment. Judiciary

H-5945A **EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION BY REASON OF MENTAL DISABILITY** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would articulate the role of police officers in obtaining treatment for those showing symptoms of mental illness. H.E.W.

H-6039 **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS** (Edwards & Others) This act would set forth the application requirements for concealed carry permits for firearms, would provide an appellate procedure if the application is denied and would make those records exempt from the access to public records act. Judiciary

H-6040 **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS-RECIPROCITY** (Edwards & Others) This act would authorize the attorney general to enter into agreements with other states and counties from other states to recognize and give reciprocity to concealed weapon permit holders allowing them to carry concealed weapons in this state. The other states shall have the ability to provide immediate verification of the applicant's permit. This act would also provide that any law enforcement officer with a valid, government issued identification card identifying themselves as such, can carry a concealed weapon anywhere in this state. Judiciary

H-6010 **CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (Johnston) This act would create the "crimes against the public trust" act which provides for criminal offenses for certain actions performed by public servants and would further provide for restitution to the state or municipality for performing such criminal actions. Furthermore, the act would extend the statute of limitations for wrongful conversion by a state or municipal officer and provides for potential pension revocation for felonies related to a public officer. Judiciary

H-6338 **MOTOR VEHICLES** (Lombardi & Hull) This act would make the owner of any vehicle not inspected as required by §§31-38-3 or 31-38-4 responsible for any fines or penalties imposed as a result of non-inspection and would prohibit any law enforcement officer from citing the operator of said vehicle. Judiciary

S-0068 **ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS** (Archambault & Others) This act would make revisions to the access to public records chapter pertaining to definitions of a public body and public record, the right to inspect and copy records, arrest logs, compliance, costs, superior court jurisdiction and judicial remedies, settlement of legal claims and reported violations. Judiciary

S-0072 **MOTOR VEHICLES-UNATTENDED CHILDREN** (Raptakis & Others) This act would make it an offense to leave a child under seven (7) years of age unattended in a motor vehicle for longer than five minutes, punishable by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or by a fine of no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Judiciary

S-0075 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS-CONFINEMENT IN A MOTOR VEHICLE** (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-0172 **UNMANNED ARIEL VEHICLES** (Kettle & Others) This act would prohibit law enforcement from using unmanned aerial vehicles without a proper warrant. Judiciary

S-0175 **MOBILE TELEPHONE 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-0187 **FIREARMS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS** (Metts & 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

S-0191 **LINE OF DUTY INJURY/ILLNESS PAYMENTS-CAMPUS POLICE** (Archambault & 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

S-0223 **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-0231 **EMERGENCY POLICE POWERS** (Goldin) This act would amend the statutory provisions regarding emergency police powers to clarify that higher learning institutions having special police officers are authorized to enter into mutual aid agreements with the municipality where the institution is located for the purpose of providing emergency assistance. Special police officers appointed under this chapter must complete a training academy certified by the Police Officer's Commission on Standards and Training. Judiciary

S-0234 **CONFISCATED PROPERTY** (Fogarty & Others) This act would authorize police departments and local drug control divisions to keep confiscated property, and any income derived from such property would be used for community or law enforcement purposes. Judiciary

S-0275 **CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require infants and toddlers under two (2) years of age or weighing less than thirty pounds (30 lbs.) be restrained in rear-facing car seats. Judiciary

S-0322 **MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING** (DiPalma & Others) This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000 to the Rhode Island State Police Municipal Police Academy for law enforcement mental health training. Finance

S-0374 **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS-RECIPROCITY** (Archambault & Others) This act would provide the attorney general with the authority to enter into agreements with other states to recognize concealed handgun permits issued by Rhode Island as valid in other states and concealed handgun permits issued by other states as valid in Rhode Island when certain conditions are met. This act would also provide that Rhode Island would recognize official law enforcement identification cards permitting carrying concealed handguns issued by any other state. Judiciary

S-0376 **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS** (Goodwin) This act would include those persons convicted of an offense punishable as a misdemeanor offense under §12-29-2 (domestic violence) as persons prohibited from possessing a firearm. Judiciary

S-0378 **JURISDICTION OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS** (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-0399 **FIREARM SILENCERS** (Archambault & Others) This act would define a firearm silencer and permit the use of such a device on any firearm with an overall length of seventeen inches or greater and would permit the use of such a device for lawful hunting activity. Judiciary

S-0403 **SALE/TRANSFER OF FIREARMS** (Miller & Nesslebusch) This act would provide that no person shall knowingly purchase or otherwise obtain a firearm on behalf of or transfer to a person who the transferor knows or reasonably should know is prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm under federal or state law. Violation would be punishable by imprisonment up to ten (10) years, or a fine of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or both for the first offense and for any subsequent offense by mandatory imprisonment of two (2) to fifteen (15) years or a fine of up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), or both. Judiciary

S-0404 **POSSESSION OF RIFLES/SHOTGUNS –SALE OF FIREARMS TO MINORS** (Miller & Nesslebusch) This act would make it unlawful for any person carry a rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or conveyance or on or about their person except under limited circumstances of at least fifteen (15) years imprisonment. The act would also provide an enhanced penalty to those who unlawfully sold, transferred, given, conveyed, or caused to be sold, transferred, given or conveyed a firearm to any person under eighteen (18) years of age and that firearm is used in a crime of violence. Judiciary

S-0412 **IMITATION FIREARMS** (Goodwin) This act would define imitation firearm and provide that is unlawful for any person to change, alter, remove, or obliterate any coloration or markings that are required by an applicable state or federal law or regulation for any imitation firearm in any way that makes the imitation firearm look to be an operable firearm. Violation of this section would be punishable by imprisonment for up to one year, or a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both. This act would also prevent a person from receiving or possessing a firearm on which any mark of identification on the firearm has been changed. Judiciary

S-0459 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-SURVIVING SPOUSE** (Coyne & Others) This act would exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law enforcement officer or fire fighter killed in the line of duty. Finance

S-0513 **POLICE AND FIREFIGHTER RESIDENCY** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would prohibit municipal charters and ordinances from requiring that their police officers and firefighters reside within the state of Rhode Island. Labor

S-0587 **FIREARM PERMITS** (Goldin & Others) This act would provide that applicants for a license or permit to carry a firearm under the applicable provisions of the general laws must undergo a national criminal records check, which shall include fingerprints submitted to the federal bureau of investigation (FBI). Judiciary

S-0589 **CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would create the "crimes against the public trust" act which provides for criminal offenses for certain actions performed by public servants and would further provide for restitution to the state or municipality for performing such criminal actions. Furthermore, the act would extend the statute of limitations for wrongful conversion by a state or municipal officer and provides for potential pension revocation for felonies related to a public officer. Judiciary

S-0594 **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY MINORS** (Metts) This act would criminalize the mere possession of a firearm by a minor and 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-0608A **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would require local law enforcement to share information with local school departments for the purposes of notifying parents of students whose bus stop is within one thousand feet (1000') of the residence of a level sex offender. Judiciary

S-0656 **PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING DATABASE** (Conley & Others) This act would allow information contained in the prescription drug monitoring database to be disclosed to a certified law enforcement drug diversion investigator of a qualified law enforcement agency who has completed a certification course approved by director of the department of health and certified by the police officers commission on standards and training. This act would take effect on January 1, 2018.

S-0664 **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS** (Archambault & Others) This act would make numerous changes to the procedures regarding the issuance of concealed carry permits, the fees associated with their issuance, and the public records accessible by the public in relating thereto. Judiciary

S-0735 **LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING** (DiPalma & Others) This act would appropriate the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000), for the fiscal year 2017-2018, to the Rhode Island State Police/Municipal Police Academy to implement law enforcement mental health training for the Rhode Island State Police, municipal police departments. Finance

S-0840 **WEAPONS PERMITS** (Coyne & Others) This act would limit the issuance of pistol and revolver carry permits to the office of the attorney general. Judiciary

S-0841 **ELECTRONIC TRACKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES** (DaPonte) This act would exempt from violation the installation, concealment, placement, or use of an electronic tracking device in or on a motor vehicle by a licensed private detective or a licensed bail bondsman if in furtherance of operating their business in accordance within the scope of applicable state or federal law. This act would also prohibit the use of an electronic tracking device by any person who is the subject of an active order of protection or restraining order for the protection of the occupants of a vehicle. Judiciary

RETIREMENT

H-5071A **TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BENEFITS** (*Amore & Others*) This act would increase the monthly minimum benefits of spouses and domestic partners of retired teachers. Finance

H-5329 **TEACHERS' POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (*Serpa & Others*) This act would allow any teacher or athletic coach, who has retired to substitute at state schools and public schools for a period of no more than one hundred twenty (120) days in one school year without forfeiture or reduction of retirement benefits. Finance

H-5368 **TEACHERS' POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (*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

H-5462 **MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM-STATE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES** (*O'Brien & Others*) This act would move state employee public safety professionals from the state retirement system to the municipal retirement system, effective July 1, 2017. It would set their retirement contribution to ten percent (10%) of their compensation. Finance

H-5494 **MUNICIPAL RETIREES- POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (*Keable & Others*) This act would remove certain restrictions on post-retirement re-employment of public employees. Finance

H-5601 **POLICE/FIREFIGHTER ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY** (*Almeida & Others*) This act would add illness sustained while in the performance of duty to the definition of accidental disability. Labor

H-5745 **TEACHERS' POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (*Bennett & Others*) This act would increase the number of days a retired teacher may substitute teach or be otherwise employed by a school system from ninety (90) days to one hundred (100) days without a reduction or forfeiture of retirement benefits. Finance

H-5747 **DISABILITY PENSIONS** (*Morgan & Others*) This act would require municipal and quasi-municipal entities to annually adjust the disability pensions of pension beneficiaries according to any compensation earned. Finance

H-5881 **FIREFIGHTER DISABILITY –PRESUMPTION OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISABILITY** (*Craven & Others*) This act would create a work disabling presumption for any firefighter who passed a physical examination upon entry into service and who later contracts disabling hypertension, stroke, or heart disease. Labor

H-6030 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM-ELIGIBILITY** (*Maldonado & Others*) This act would make it easier for locally administered municipal retirement plans to join the municipal employees' retirement system, by providing greater flexibility in funding policies than would otherwise be required, depending upon the needs and circumstances of each municipal plan. This act would also enable eligible municipal governmental entities to allow the state investment commission, in conjunction with the general treasurer, to invest the assets of eligible municipal plans closed to new participants, in order to maximize the efficient and cost effective investment of such assets, as well as to improve their safety and liquidity. Finance

H-6118 **MUNICIPAL PENSION FUNDS-DIVERSION TO STATE** (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) This act would provide that municipal pension funds only be diverted to the state upon approval of the applicable decision-making body after a public hearing, and a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice to affected employees. Finance

S-0140 **MUNICIPAL RETIREES- POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Archambault & Others) This act would remove certain restrictions on post-retirement re-employment of public employees. Finance

S-0210 **TEACHERS' RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS** (DiPalma & Others) This act would gradually increase the state's contribution to the teachers' retirement system, while reducing the municipal contribution, eventually resulting in the contributions being shared equally. Finance

S-0213 **TEACHERS' POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Picard) This act would increase the permitted gross pay for post-retirement employment for certain persons who are retired employees from state colleges, universities, schools or any teacher retired under title 16, title 36 or title 45 from fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) up to twenty-two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$22,500) per year. Finance

S-0571 **TEACHERS' RETIREMENT 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

S-0642 **MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM-STATE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES** (Coyne & Others) This act would move state employee public safety professionals from the state retirement system to the municipal retirement system, effective July 1, 2017. It would set their retirement contribution to ten percent (10%) of their compensation. Finance

S-0772 **FIREFIGHTER DISABILITY –PRESUMPTION OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISABILITY** (Lombardi & Others) This act would create a work disabling presumption for any firefighter who passed a physical examination upon entry into service and who later contracts disabling hypertension, stroke, or heart disease. Labor

S-0896 **RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Archambault & Others) This act would add illness sustained while in the performance of duty to the definition of accidental disability. Judiciary

S-0898 **POST RETIREMENT INCOME** (Lombardi) This act would allow a retired member of the teachers, state employees; or municipal retirement system to serve as an elected town treasurer without a suspension of their retirement benefits.

S-0896 **RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Archambault & Others) This act would add illness sustained while in the performance of duty to the definition of accidental disability. Judiciary

TOWN & CITY CLERKS

H-5199A ***PACE LIENS*** (Abney) *This act would include a tax sale as a transfer of property ownership that would trigger the past due balances of any PACE assessment. This act would take effect on March 1, 2017.*
Finance

H-5397A ***RECORDING OF FORECLOSURE DEEDS*** (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.* Judiciary

H-5417 ***RECORDING OF FORECLOSURE DEEDS/NOTICE OF INTENT*** (Morin & Others) *This act would increase the fines for failing to file a foreclosure deed. This act would also require mortgagees, upon filing 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

H-5445 ***LEVY AND SALE ON EXECUTION*** (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, street address or assessors plat and lot number.* Judiciary

H-5449 ***FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES/TAX SALES-VACANT PROPERTY*** (Craven & McEntee) *This act would expedite the foreclosure procedure on vacant property, and would amend the provisions of the general 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-5622 ***RECORDING OF MORTGAGES*** (Lima & Others) *This act would provide that all transfers of a mortgage interest on residential property be recorded so as to provide a clean chain of title for consumers to track the owner of their mortgage loans, and will render moot the question of standing of a nominee in foreclosure actions by discontinuing the practice of recording mortgages in the name of a party other than the holder of the note secured by the mortgage.* Corporations

H-6104 ***ELECTRONIC RECORDING*** (Ruggiero & Others) *This act would authorize a city or town clerk/recorder of deeds, at the clerk's/recorder's option, to accept electronic documents for recording real property and land records and to index and store those documents.* Judiciary

H-6252 ***LOCAL CANVASSING AUTHORITIES*** (Fogarty & Others) *This act would clarify that the authority of the president of a city or town council to nominate the members of a local canvassing authority only applies to a municipality that does not have a mayoral form of government.* Municipal Government

H-6323 ***OPEN MEETINGS*** (Shanley & Others) *This act would exclude weekends and state holidays from the calculation of the forty-eight (48) hour public notice requirement, and would require all public bodies to keep minutes of open meetings and file their minutes with the secretary of state. This act would take effect on January 1, 2018.* Judiciary

S-0030A ***PACE LIENS*** (DaPonte) *This act would include a tax sale as a transfer of property ownership that would trigger the past due balances of any PACE assessment.* Finance

S-0043 **FORECLOSURE PROCEDURES/TAX SALES-VACANT PROPERTY** (Archambault & Others) *This act would expedite the foreclosure procedure on vacant property, and would amend the provisions of the general 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-0659 **RECORDING OF MORTGAGES** (Conley & Others) *This act would provide that all transfers of a mortgage interest on residential property be recorded so as to provide a clean chain of title for consumers to track the owner of their mortgage loans, and will render moot the question of standing of a nominee in foreclosure actions by discontinuing the practice of recording mortgages in the name of a party other than the holder of the note secured by the mortgage. Judiciary*

S-0832 **FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES** (Lombardi & Others) *This act would validate certain conveyancing defects in various instruments executed by or affecting grantors, grantees, business entities, powers of attorney, probate fiduciaries, mortgage discharges and foreclosures or certain clerical defects. Judiciary*

MISCELLANEOUS

H-5019 **COMMUNITY SERVICE TAX CREDITS** (Bennett & Others) This act would provide a tax credit for state community service hours provided by state residents to certain not-for-profit entities and municipal departments that are certified by the department of administration to issue credits for state community service volunteerism hours. The total amount of the credits could not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for an individual, or up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a joint return, per year. Finance

H-5076 **BEACH USER FEES** (Lancia & Others) This act would eliminate all user fees for access to any state beach. Finance

H-5091 **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Lancia & Others) This act would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility of preventing and detecting fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

H-5121 **RESOLUTION EXTENDING REPORTING DEADLINES-UPGRADE OF FACILITIES USED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES** (Shekarchi) This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to study and provide recommendations to promote the upgrade of facilities used for public purposes by encouraging private investment in qualifying projects from February 7, 2017, to June 30, 2017, and said commission would expire on August 30, 2017. Finance

H-5187aa **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-5212A **"DON'T BLOCK THE BOX" INTERSECTIONS** (Lima & Others) This act would extend the warning period from January 1, 2017 to June 1, 2017 and delays until June 1, 2017 the "Don't Block the Box" enforcement period. It would also mark, in white paint, the boundary of such intersection as designated and determined by the state traffic commission. Judiciary

H-5214 **INTENTIONAL OR NEGLIGENT DEATH OF A PET** (Ucci & Others) This act would create a cause of action for the intentional or negligent death of a pet. This act would take effect upon passage, and would apply to civil actions filed on or after the effective date of this act. Judiciary

H-5275 **DISCLOSURE OF GMO PRODUCTS** (Filippi & Others) This act would require all businesses that sell food which 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 food products that are offered for sale contain genetically modified organisms unless clearly indicated otherwise. H.E.W.

H-5381 **JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RESTRICTIONS ON TOLLING** (Filippi & Others) This Joint resolution would propose a Constitutional Amendment providing that any new highway or bridge would require voter approval statewide and also in the municipalities affected. Finance

H-5382 **OPEN MEETINGS-AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDING** (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 be required to post recordings of these open meetings on its website and to be available for public access. Finance

H-5418 **PUBLICATION OF MUNICIPAL BUDGETS** (Solomon & Others) This act would make public entity budgets available in digital form through the secretary of state. Judiciary

H-5431 **COMPETITIVE BIDDING** (Marszalkowski & Others) 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-5477A **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would require that municipal animal control officers be certified by the National Care & Control Association. Municipal Government

H-5493 **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Barros & Others) This act would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility of preventing and detecting fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

H-5500 **OPEN MEETINGS-AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDING** (Filippi & Others) This act would require audio and video recordings of all open meetings of state and quasi-public agencies and bodies to be transmitted to the secretary of state's office. The secretary of state would post recordings of all open meetings on its website to be available for public access. Finance

H-5540 **RABIES CONTROL BOARD** (Marszalkowski & Others) This act would appoint an animal control officer to the rabies control board. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5572 **OPT OUT ENERGY AGGREGATION PLANS** (Casey & 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. Municipal Government

H-5651 **MUNICIPAL STREETLIGHT INVESTMENT ACT** (Amore & Others) This act would amend the definition of "lighting equipment" for the purposes of the "Municipal Streetlight Investment Act", and would allow cities and towns to purchase or lease certain lighting equipment from electric distribution companies for a cost, and would amend certain provisions related to training required for certification of personnel providing electrical pole service. Municipal Government

H-5652 **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS** (O'Brien & Others) This act would require that municipal animal control officers be certified by the National Care & Control Association. Municipal Government

H-5653 **SEALERS OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES-FEES** (Chippendale) 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. Municipal Government

H-5732 **OPEN MEETINGS-FILING OF MINUTES** (Canario & Others) This act would require that all public bodies keep official minutes of all meetings and file copies of these minutes with the secretary of state within thirty-five (35) days of the meeting for inspection by the public. Judiciary

H-5800 **GAMING FACILITIES** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would allow the state to take certain actions in regard to state gaming as a result of the recent referendum authorizing the establishment of a new

casino gaming facility in the town of Tiverton. The act would authorize the division of lotteries to enter into a sixth amendment to the UTGR Master Contract. The act would also authorize amendments to the Newport Grand Master Contract. This act would take effect upon passage, except to the extent that individual provisions of the act have specific effective dates. Finance

H-5817 **MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS-SELECTION OF ARCHITECTS/ENGINEERS** (Ackerman & Shekarchi) This act would include certain federal requirements within the selection criteria for cities or towns hiring architects or engineers, and would permit cities or towns to prequalify firms selecting architecture, engineering and consulting services. Municipal Government

H-5873 **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICTS** (Phillips & Others) This act would permit municipalities/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 authorize two (2) 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. Municipal Government

H-5909 **JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION -- RESTRICTIONS ON TOLLING** (Lima & Others) This Joint resolution would propose a Constitutional Amendment providing that any new highway or bridge would require voter approval statewide and also in the municipalities affected. Finance

H-5928 **EMINENT DOMAIN-RIGHT OF REPURCHASE** (Roberts & Others) This act would permit the prior owner of a parcel of land taken by eminent domain, but unused for the purpose intended, to repurchase at the acquisition price. Judiciary

H-5984 **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE COMPANIES** (Morin & Others) This act would provide that municipal insurance corporations would be subject to the provisions of the general laws regulating insurance companies, and would be regulated by the Rhode Island department of business regulation. Corporations

H-6021 **IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT** (Barros & Others) This act would enhance community protection during ICE enforcement and investigatory actions. It would identify certain community locations as "sensitive locations" and would require that those locations receive a judicial warrant before they grant access to enforcement agents. It would also provide for exemption to these procedures where there are certain exigent circumstances. Judiciary

H-6022 **SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE LIABILITY LIMITATIONS ACT** (Kennedy & Tobon) This act would regulate snow removal contracts between service providers and service receivers and limit liability between them and declare certain indemnity agreements void as against public policy. Corporations

H-6086 **TELECOM/INTERNET CONTRACTORS-COLLECTION OF PERSONAL DATA** (Edwards & Others) This act would prevent any state or municipal agency's telecommunications or Internet contractor from collecting and disseminating the personal information of customers. Corporations

H-6110 **NOTARIES PUBLIC-APPLICATION PROCEDURES** (Solomon & Others) This act would establish a new application and certification process for notarial officers. Corporations

H-6121 **OPEN MEETINGS** (Serpa & Fellela) This act would require that all public bodies include as part of their agenda an open forum or public comment session wherein any citizen may speak on any topic whether or not on the agenda, for no more than five (5) minutes per speaker. Judiciary

H-6140 **SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM INSTALLERS** (Nardolillo) This act would provide that a licensed individual sewage disposal system installer may, without further licensing, connect an existing individual sewage disposal system to a municipal sewer system. Corporations

H-6146 **AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS** (Edwards & Others) This act would require a city or town to utilize qualification based selection for the procurement of program managers, construction managers, or construction managers at risk. Municipal Government

H-6204 **MAINTENANCE OF TOWN HIGHWAYS** (Morgan & Others) This act would require that any altered roadway be restored to the same or better condition that existed prior to the alteration, immediately after the completion of the alteration, including interim measures as needed on an ongoing basis and would provide a daily penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500) for failure to comply. Municipal Government

H-6213 **REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES** (Blazejewski & Others) This act would amend the grounds on which the DMV may refuse registration for failure to pay a fine to include interest, penalties, or other monetary amount. It would require the municipality that requests the denial of registration to add, and upon receiving payment, forward an additional five dollar (\$5.00) fee to the DMV. Finance

H-6308 **HEALTH AND SAFETY - AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS** (Bennett & Others) This act would require an automated external defibrillator (AED) and qualified person to administer an AED at all public places capable of holding three hundred (300) people or more. H.E.W

S-0029 **COMPETITIVE BIDDING** (McCaffrey & Others) 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-0036 **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Raptakis & Others) This act would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility of preventing and detecting fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

S-0071 **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-0097 **SEALERS OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES** (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-0199 **RELOCATION OF UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE** (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-0315 **LIGHTING DISTRICT ENERGY COSTS** (Raptakis & Fogarty) This act would require the state to pay a lighting district's energy bill, if the lighting district fails to pay it. Finance

S-0341A **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would require that municipal animal control officers be certified by the National Care & Control Association. Municipal Government

S-0342 **COLLOCATION OF SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES/NETWORKS** (DiPalma & Others) This act would establish the "Small Cell Siting Act", which specifies how local authorities may regulate the collocation of small wireless facilities and small wireless facility networks. Judiciary

S-0367 **GAMING FACILITIES** (Goodwin & Others) This act would allow the state to take certain actions in regard to state gaming as a result of the recent referendum authorizing the establishment of a new casino gaming facility in the town of Tiverton. The act would authorize the division of lotteries to enter into a sixth amendment to the UTGR Master Contract. The act would also authorize amendments to the Newport Grand Master Contract. 6 This act would take effect upon passage, except to the extent that individual provisions of the act have specific effective dates. Finance

S-0381 **OPEN MEETINGS-NOTICE** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would exclude weekends and state holidays from the calculation of the forty- eight (48) hour public notice requirement, and would require all public bodies to keep minutes of open meetings and file their minutes with the secretary of state. Judiciary

S-0386 **PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would change the definition of "owner" to exclude the state and municipalities for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands. Judiciary

S-0419 **OPEN MEETINGS-FILING OF MINUTES** (DiPalma & Others) This act would require that all public bodies keep official minutes of all meetings and file copies of these minutes with the secretary of state within thirty-five (35) days of the meeting for inspection by the public. Judiciary

S-0433 **MUNICIPAL INSURANCE CORPORATIONS** (Cote & 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

S-0473 **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Sheehan & 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

S-0475 **BEACH USER FEES** (Lynch Prata & Others) This act would eliminate all user fees for access to any state beach. Finance

S-0654 **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION DISTRICTS** (DiPalma & Others) This act would permit municipalities/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 authorize two (2) 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. Housing & Municipal Government

S-0709 **OPEN MEETINGS** (McCaffery) This act would amend multiple sections relating to "open meetings" including utilizing advances in technology for observing meetings, how quorums are calculated, procedures for closed meetings and notice requirements. Judiciary

S-0769 **ENERGY FACILITY SITING ACT** (Fogarty) This act would amend various sections of the "Energy Facility Siting Act" relative to their procedures and the consideration of host communities' rights and enforcement of city or town ordinances, rules and regulations, the siting board's membership, and certain conditions relating to board members and quorum requirements. Judiciary

S-0813 **NOTARIES PUBLIC-APPLICATION PROCEDURES** (Goodwin) This act would establish a new application and certification process for notarial officers. Judiciary

S-0814 **AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS** (Edwards & Others) This act would impose more specific regulations for the selection of program and/or construction managers by municipalities. Labor

S-0877 **PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS** (Lynch & Others) This act would amend the provisions of the general laws regulating the aggregation of electrical loads by a municipality or group of municipalities, and would require at least one public hearing be held, for review by its residents, prior to adopting any plan, which must then be approved by the public utilities commission. Commerce

S-0888A **ELECTRONIC WASTE PREVENTION, REUSE AND RECYCLING** (Lombardo & Others) This act would amend several provisions of the electronic waste prevention, reuse and recycling act by amending labeling and registration requirements, adding definitions and provisions for "market share by weight" and "orphan waste" and would add printers to products included under the provisions of the chapter. Environment

S-0952 **PUBLIC PROPERTY GREEN BUILDINGS** (DiPalma & Others) This act would expand the "Green Buildings Act" to include public projects and updates the standards to include LEED for Neighborhood Development, and SITES. Environment

S-0965 **REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES** (Goodwin) This act would amend the grounds on which the DMV may refuse registration for failure to pay a fine to include interest, penalties, or other monetary amount. It would require the municipality that requests the denial of registration to add, and upon receiving payment, forward an additional five dollar (\$5.00) fee to the DMV. Judiciary

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