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CODE ENFORCEMENT

H-7426 ***FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS (Winfield & Others)*** 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-7773 ***BUILDING CODE-NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE (Jacquard)*** This act would require that all electrical work performed in the state be done in accordance with the latest edition of the National Electric Code, and would also require that the state building commission adopt the latest edition of the National Electric Code. Corporations

S-2415 ***BUILDING PERMIT FEES (DiPalma & Others)*** This act would require that municipalities enact ordinances establishing building permit fees which are based on the actual cost of permitting activities. This act would empower the state building code commissioner to ensure compliance. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2789 ***FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS (Fogarty & Others)*** 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. Housing & Municipal Government

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

H-7005 **CURRICULUM-COMPUTER SCIENCE** (Lombardi and Others) This act would direct the council on elementary and secondary education to develop recommendations for a high school curriculum to prepare students for successful postsecondary education and careers in computer science. H.E.W.

H-7006 **TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS** (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-7040 **COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE** (McNamara & Others) This act would direct school districts experiencing high rates of student absenteeism to establish attendance review teams to address this absenteeism. The act would also direct the state department of education to establish a chronic absenteeism prevention and intervention plan by January 1, 2019. The act would also direct the council on elementary and secondary education to include each school district's absenteeism rate within the report on school discipline presented annually to the general assembly, and to include the school or district's absenteeism rate in any report card or evaluation of the effectiveness of a school or district. H.E.W.

H-7041 **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS** (McNamara and Others) This act would require that effective January 1, 2019, all school buildings where students are in attendance would be required to have carbon monoxide detectors installed and maintained therein. The act would also authorize the fire safety code board of appeal and review to promulgate rules and regulations to enforce the provisions of this requirement. H.E.W.

H-7044A **CURRICULUM-FAMILY LIFE** (Solomon and Others) This act would permit that age-appropriate and developmentally-appropriate education on consent and sexual activity be increased in secondary schools as part of a family life course. H.E.W.

H-7060 **CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS** (Ranglin-Vassell and Others) This act would waive the fee for taking an examination required to be licensed and certified as a teacher when the teaching candidate possesses a bachelor's degree. Finance

H-7107 **JOINT RESOLUTION-INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION ALIGNED GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DYSLEXIA KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE-APPROPRIATIONS** (McEntee & Others) This act would partially reimburse public school districts who send their qualified, certified teaching staff within this state to obtain a graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice as designed and implemented by the University of Rhode Island and aligned with the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading. Finance

H-7109 **STATE MANDATES-CESSATION OF IMPLEMENTATION** (Edwards & Others) This act would provide that if during any fiscal year the state reimbursement to cities and towns and school districts is insufficient to cover the costs of state mandates as reported by the department of revenue, those affected cities, towns, and school districts may cease implementation of state mandates at their discretion, in an amount not greater than fifty percent (50%) of the value of the reimbursement shortfall. Finance

H-7119 **DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION CERTIFICATION-PARTIAL FEE WAIVER** (McEntee & Others) This act would authorize a one-half (1/2) fee waiver to pay one-half (1/2) the costs of teachers in obtaining an International Dyslexia Association aligned graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice. H.E.W.

H-7122 **CHARTER SCHOOL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS** (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-7150 **STUDENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS** (Diaz and Others) This act would provide students attending public or private schools enrolled in grades K-12 with a student's bill of rights prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, gender, economic status or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disabilities. H.E.W.

H-7152 **EARLY CHILDHOOD INNOVATION ACT** (McNamara & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Early Childhood Innovation Act. The act would authorize the department of human services to establish an early childhood innovation fund for supporting programs designed to narrow the education achievement gap for at-risk children as they enter kindergarten. The act further provides that the general assembly allocate \$1,000,000 annually to this fund. H.E.W.

H-7153 **ALTERNATIVE DISCIPLINARY INTERVENTIONS** (Ranglin-Vassell and 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-7154 **DUAL ENROLLMENT** (Casey and 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-7155 **PSAT and SAT TESTING** (Casey and 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 for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2018. H.E.W.

H-7157 **CURRICULUM-FIELD TRIPS** (Perez and 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-7158 **USE OF SUNSCREEN** (Bennett & Others) This act would allow students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen. H.E.W.

H-7185 **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-7270 **RESOLUTION EXTENDING REPORTING DEADLINES-COMMISSION RELATING TO EDUCATION** (Casimiro & Others) This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission relating to education – school committees and superintendents from January 31, 2018, to June 30, 2018, and said commission would expire on July 30, 2018. H.E.W.

H-7271 **EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULATIONS-VARIANCES** (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. H.E.W.

H-7280 **ACCESS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS-MILITARY RECRUITERS** (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) This act would require the same access to high school students by military recruiters enjoyed by other private recruiters at postsecondary institutions. Finance

H-7283 **FREE LUNCHESES** (Ranglin-Vassell and Others) This act would require free lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools. Finance

H-7296 **CERTIFICATION OF SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADMINISTRATORS** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would require that school superintendents, principals, vice principals, directors and administrators of public schools as well as all charter schools hold state certificates of qualification and would prohibit the granting of any waivers. H.E.W.

H-7298 **CURRICULUM-SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SAFE BEHAVIOR** (Ranglin-Vassell & Others) This act would require the department of education to develop a program of age appropriate safe relationship behavior education and training, regarding the prevention of relationship abuse, and sexual violence and harassment. H.E.W.

H-7348 **SCHOOL BUILDINGS-SOLAR ROOF INSTALLATIONS** (Marszalkowski & Others) This act would establish a pilot program to promote the creation of roof solar installations on school property 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-7367 **JOINT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS-TECHNOLOGY** (Keable and 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. Education

H-7370 **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-7374 **TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS-SAFETY BELTS** (O'Brien & 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, 2020. Each school district would prepare a plan for the implementation and use of the 3-point seat belts. H.E.W.

H-7375 **COMMISSION ON CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA/LEARNING DISABILITIES** (O'Brien & Others) This resolution would amend and increase the membership from nine (9) to thirteen (13) and extend the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to assess and make recommendations on the educational needs of children with dyslexia and/or reading disabilities, from June 14, 2018, to February 7, 2019, and the commission would expire on May 7, 2019. H.E.W.

H-7401 **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS/PSYCHOLOGISTS-MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT** (McNamara & Others) This act would direct that services provided by school social workers and certified school psychologists would be included as health care related services eligible for federal Medicaid reimbursement. Finance

H-7413 **OUT OF SCHOOL TIME LEARNING PROGRAMS** (Casimiro & Others) This act would create a permanent joint commission to improve and increase the number of quality out of school time learning programs in the state. H.E.W.

H-7419 **UNHEALTHY FOOD & BEVERAGES** (McNamara & 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. H.E.W.

H-7436 **WORLD LANGUAGE & DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION ACT** (Diaz & Others) This act would establish and require funding for a world language and dual language immersion program. Finance

H-7497 **SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS-RULES AND REGULATIONS** (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) The act would amend the law on the student suspension, by requiring the council on elementary and secondary education along with the Rhode Island teachers' advisory council and a representative from the attorney general's office to work cooperatively to create regulations and programs for students who have been suspended, or otherwise removed from a regular classroom setting. It would require the programs to include academic instruction and address the social and emotional well-being of the student. The act would also require public school districts and charter schools to employ sufficient social workers and other educational specialists to provide support to students assigned to the alternative programs. H.E.W.

H-7568 **AMERICANIZATION OF SCHOOLS** (Edwards & Others) This act would repeal the requirement that persons between sixteen (16) and twenty-one (21) years of age who cannot speak, read and write English attend school for the teaching of the English language for at least two hundred (200) hours until they acquire reasonable facility in speaking, reading and writing English. This act would also repeal fines and commitment to an institution as punishment for willful violation of this act. H.E.W.

H-7570 **POSSESSION OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS** (Donovan & Others) This act would permit students to possess and use over-the-counter products to treat menstrual cramps or vaginal yeast infections during school activities without a doctor's or parent's note. It would authorize the school district to encourage schools to educate pupils on the safe use of such products, but shall not hold the school district or its personnel liable for any damages. H.E.W.

H-7577 **STUDENT CELL PHONE USE-RULES & REGULATIONS** (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-7685 **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS** (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-7686 **IMMUNIZATIONS** (O'Grady & 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-7694A **SCHOOL SAFETY ASSESSMENTS** (Mattiello & Others) This act would codify the Rhode Island school safety committee into the general laws, and would require that school district safety assessments be provided to the Rhode Island school safety committee every three (3) years for review and recommendations. H.E.W.

H-7696 **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. This amendment would also provide for judicial enforcement of this provision. H.E.W.

H-7698 **TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS** (Fogarty & Others) This act would require that the council of elementary and secondary education to adopt standards which take into consideration the time and cost of transporting students across municipal boundaries and to promote maximum efficiency in other programs that impact the education of students. H.E.W.

H-7699 **SCHOOL WASTE RECYCLING** (Carson & Others) This act would require schools to comply with composting and recycling laws, would promote the donation of unspoiled nonperishable food by schools and would promote the selection of local food service companies for school food service contracts. H.E.W.

H-7703 **SCHOOL 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-7707 **SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAMS-PROTECTIVE FACEMASKS** (Donovan & 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. (Donovan & Others) H.E.W.

H-7710 **STUDENT PRIVACY -TECHNOLOGY DEVICES** (O'Grady) This act would establish certain student privacy rights about 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-7711 **CHARTER SCHOOL POPULATIONS** (Amore) This act would require charter school populations to reflect the combined demographics of the sending district(s) in terms of special education, English language learners, and students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch. H.E.W.

H-7850 **SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would require ten percent (10%) of school aid be allocated to school safety measures. Finance

H-7872 **HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIES** (Tanzi & Others) This act would provide that the council on elementary and secondary education in setting standards for school libraries and services would at a minimum provide that secondary school students have access to libraries one hour before school, during school and for one hour after school. H.E.W.

H-7884 **MAYORAL ACADEMIES** (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 five percent (+/- 5%) range of the state average. Finance

H-7885 **NEW/EXPANDED CHARTER SCHOOLS-IMPACT ASSESSMENTS** (Barros & 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-7898 **TEACHERS RIGHTS** (O'Brien & Others) This act would create a comprehensive bill of rights for school teachers. H.E.W.

H-7932 **LICENSED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS** (Diaz & Others) This act would include licensed school psychologists under the provisions of the general laws governing the regulations of psychologists. Corporations

H-7957 **WEAPONS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS** (Ranglin-Vassell & Others) This act would prohibit schools from offering any incentives to teachers who are licensed to carry a weapon. Judiciary

H-7974 **CURRICULUM-STEM SCIENCE LABORATORIES** (Ranglin-Vassell & Others) This act would require all public secondary schools to provide a working science laboratory for all students studying science, technology, engineering or mathematics. H.E.W.

H-7987 **CURRICULUM-SUBSTANCE ABUSE/SUICIDE PREVENTION** (O'Brien & Others) This act would require, rather than suggest, that the department of elementary and secondary education incorporate substance abuse prevention and suicide prevention into the health education curriculum. H.E.W.

H-8011 **HEALTH CARE/SAFETY OF PUPILS MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (Slater & Others) This act would allow a school nurse-teacher and school nurse's designee to possess and administer properly authorized medical marijuana to a student at school. It would also provide protection from criminal prosecution and limit civil liability if they possess and administer medical marijuana to students at school. H.E.W.

H-8059 **LUNCH SHAMING** (Lancia & Others) This act would prohibit the stigmatization (lunch-shaming) of children unable to pay for meals served as part of the breakfast or lunch program offered at elementary and secondary schools. H.E.W.

H-8067 **SCHOOL BUSES-SAFETY BELTS** (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, 2020. Each school district would prepare a plan for the implementation and use of the 3-point seat belts. H.E.W.

H-8121 **EXPANSION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS-ADMISSION CRITERIA** (Phillips & Others) This act would include "admissions criteria for career preparation programs" as an enrollment procedure required to be included in proposals for the creation or expansion of charter schools. H.E.W.

S-2009 **JOINT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS-TECHNOLOGY** (DiPalma and 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. Education

S-2025 **DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAMS** (Seveney & Others) This act would: (1) Place approval of drug awareness programs for minors up through high school level charged with civil marijuana offenses in the discretion of the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH); (2) Redirect funds from certain civil fines imposed to the general revenue fund to be expended by BHDDH to fund substance abuse and student assistance programs for youth; (3) Mandate that BHDDH establish funding criteria for distribution of funds and require that municipalities receiving funds file annual reports verifying that the funds are being used for substance abuse prevention programs; (4) Make high schools eligible for assistance programs; and (5) Changes the title of chapter 16- 9 21.3 to reflect high school participation in the programs. Judiciary

S-2050 **CONCUSSION TRAINING** (Lombardi & Others) This act would refine the law on guidelines for concussions at school and youth programs so that an adult trained in recognizing the symptoms of a concussion is required to be present during all events. Education

S-2051 **COMPETENCY/PROFICIENCY BASED LEARNING POLICIES** (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-2113 **CURRICULUM-FIELD TRIPS** (Ciccione and Lombardi) 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. Education

S-2115 **USE OF SUNSCREEN** (Miller & Others) This act would allow students in public schools to possess and use sunscreen. Education

S-2179 **CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS** (Miller & Others) This act would require that effective January 1, 2019, all school buildings where students are in attendance would be required to have carbon monoxide detectors installed and maintained therein. The act would also authorize the fire safety code board of appeal and review to promulgate rules and regulations to enforce the provisions of this requirement. Education

S-2180 **CHARTER SCHOOLS-ASSESSMENT OF DISTRICT PAYMENTS** (Satchell & Others) This act would provide for quarterly assessments of district payments to charter public school, Davies and the Met Center calculated on a per diem basis and payable within thirty (30) days and would require said charters, Davies and the Met Center to keep enrollment records with student ID numbers to avoid double billing. Education

S-2181 **RIGHT TO AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION** (Picard & 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. Education

S-2182 **CURRICULUM-SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION** (Miller & Others) This act would require, rather than suggest, that the department of elementary and secondary education incorporate substance abuse prevention and suicide prevention into the health education curriculum. Education

S-2183 **DUAL ENROLLMENT** (Cote & 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. Education

S-2184 **CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENTS -FUNDING FORMULA** (Gallo & Others) This act would provide that the department of education, in consultation with a workgroup composed of various stakeholders, would develop a funding formula for school districts sending students to career and technical programs outside the district. Education

S-2185 **CERTIFICATION OF TEACHERS** (Felag & Others) This act would amend certain sections of the education law to reference the new council on elementary and secondary education, and would make provisions to allow for certification as teachers, military personnel, and their spouses who are certified in another state. Education

S-2186 **CHARTER SCHOOLS-BOARDS OF DIRECTORS** (Sheehan & 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. Education

S-2187 **BEGINNING OF 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 2019-2020. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to the school year 2019-2020. Education

S-2289 **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-2338 **HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIES** (Miller & Others) This act would provide that the council on elementary and secondary education in setting standards for school libraries and services would at a minimum provide that secondary school students have access to libraries one hour before school, during school and for one hour after school. Education

S-2340 **POSSESSION OF FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS** (Calkin & Others) This act would permit students to possess and use over-the-counter products to treat menstrual cramps or vaginal yeast infections during school activities without a doctor's or parent's note. It would authorize the school district to encourage schools to educate pupils on the safe use of such products, but shall not hold the school district or its personnel liable for any damages. Education

S-2342 **CHARTER SCHOOLS- BOARDS OF DIRECTORS** (Sosnowski & 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. Education

S-2343 **WAIVER OF PROVISIONS** (Pearson & Others) This act would authorize the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, with the approval of the council on elementary and secondary education, to waive certain provisions of the laws on elementary and secondary education for public schools but would prohibit the waiver of other listed provisions. Education

S-2350A **UNHEALTHY FOOD AND BEVERAGE ADVERTISING** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would prohibit the advertising of unhealthy food and beverage products in schools that do not meet minimum federal and state governmental nutrition standards. Education

S-2351 **CHILDREN UNDER CARE OF STATE AGENCIES-TRANSPORTATION COSTS** (Picard) This act would require the department of elementary and secondary education and the department of children, youth and families to each pay fifty percent (50%) of the out-of-district transportation costs for children allowed to remain in the school where the child is enrolled at the time of placement. Education

S-2352 **RESOLUTION-WORLD CLASS EDUCATION SYSTEM** (Conley & Others) This resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the special legislative commission to conduct a comprehensive review and make recommendations regarding the creation of a world-class education system in Rhode Island from March 1, 2018, to November 1, 2018, and said commission would expire on March 1, 2019. Education

S-2373 **TEACHER CERTIFICATION-DYSLEXIA** (Sosnowski & Others) This resolution would partially reimburse public school districts who send their qualified, certified teaching staff within the state to obtain a graduate certificate in dyslexia knowledge and practice as designed and implemented by the University of Rhode Island and aligned with the International Dyslexia Association (IDA) Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading. Finance

S-2503 **RESOLUTION-REVIEW OF MASSACHUSETTS EDUCATION REFORM ACT** (Pearson and Others) This resolution requests that the Rhode Island Board of Education conduct a comprehensive review of the Massachusetts Education Reform Act (MERA) of 1993, and subsequent Acts and reform measures, to determine and recommend measures to promote the adoption of ways in which resources can be most effectively utilized to improve Rhode Island's overall education standards and governance. The Rhode Island Board of Education would be required to report back to the Senate on or before December 1, 2018. Education

S-2504 **CELL PHONE USE BY STUDENTS-RULES AND REGULATIONS** (Quezada & 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 relating to an assignment or curriculum. Education

S-2505 **CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Pearson & Others) This act would require charter school populations to reflect the combined demographics of the sending district(s) in terms of special education, English language learners, and students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch. Education

- S-2506** **DUAL LANGUAGE IMMERSION ACT** (Cicccone & Others) This act would establish and require funding for a world language and dual language immersion program. Education
- S-2574** **SCHOOL BUSES-IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEMS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require all school buses to be equipped with ignition interlock systems. This act would take effect on January 1, 2019. Judiciary
- S-2644** **TAKE HOME TECHNOLOGY DEVICES** (Satchell & Other) 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-2645** **TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS** (Picard) This act would require that pupil transportation vehicles with four (4) or more pupils have a school bus monitor. Education
- S-2646** **COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION-APPOINTMENT** (Pearson & Others) This act would provide that the commissioner of elementary and secondary education would be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The commissioner of elementary and secondary education would serve at the pleasure of the governor. Education
- S-2647** **START OF SCHOOL YEAR** (Morgan & Other) This act would require public schools, including charter schools, to begin the school year after Labor Day commencing in the school year 2019-2020. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to the school year 2019-2020.
- S-2649** **MAYORAL ACADEMIES** (Pearson & Others) This act would require the student populations of mayoral academies to reflect the combined demographics of the sending district(s) in terms of the number of students in special education, who are English language learners, and who qualify for free and reduced-price school meals. Education
- S-2744** **IMMUNIZATIONS** (Goodwin & 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. Health & Human Services
- S-2774** **SAFE SCHOOL PROGRAMS** (Archambault & Others) This act would establish a process of funding and ensuring that our public schools remain safer and secure. The safe school program would require that a certified school resource officer be employed at each public school and would allow for each school department to seek an additional five percent (5%) reimbursement for school construction projects related to safety. Education
- S-2775** **SCHOOL BUSES-3 POINT SAFETY BELTS** (Gallo & Others) This act would require all new school buses purchased or leased on or after January 1, 2020, for use in the state to be equipped with a combination pelvic and upper torso 3-point passenger seat belt system for the operator and each passenger seat. Each school district shall be required to prepare a plan for implementation and use of 3-point seat belts, as well as plan requiring compliance for use of the seat belts. Education
- S-2776** **CURRICULUM-CURSIVE PENMANSHIP** (Morgan & Paolino) This act would require elementary schools to provide instruction in cursive penmanship. Education

S-2796 ***SAFE SCHOOL PROGRAMS (Fogarty & Others)*** *This act would establish a process of funding and ensuring that our public schools remain safer and secure. The safe school program would require that a certified school resource officer be employed at each public school and would allow for each school department to seek an additional five percent (5%) reimbursement for school construction projects related to safety. Judiciary*

ELECTIONS

H-7342 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Blazewski & Others) This act would repeal the voter identification law, which required voters to prove their identity with written documents before they would be allowed to vote. Judiciary

H-7444 **POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE/MUNICIPAL VENDORS** (Canario & Others) This act would amend the election laws concerning state vendors who are disqualified from making political contributions due to their business dealings with the state. This act would also add municipal vendors to those who are disqualified from making political contributions due to their business dealings with a municipality. Judiciary

H-7501 **IN PERSON EARLY VOTING** (Solomon & Others) This act would create a process for in-person early voting to be conducted at locations determined by local boards and approved by the state board and would amend provisions related to mail ballots. Judiciary

H-7509 **POLITICAL PARTIES** (Edwards & Others) This act would allow a political organization, that wants to become a recognized political party in the state of Rhode Island, to begin collecting voter signatures equal to five percent (5%) of the votes cast in the state for governor or president in the preceding general election, immediately after the general election instead of no earlier than January 1 of the year the political organization wants to place a candidate on the ballot. Judiciary

H-7522 **REGISTRATION OF VOTERS** (Corvese & Others) This act would require the secretary of state to notify the appropriate elected official of a newly registered voter's most recent former place of residence, only if it is located outside of Rhode Island. Judiciary

H-7530 **RESIDENCE OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY** (Williams & Others) This act would require that persons in government custody use their actual residence for census and redistricting purposes. Such information would be determined by the department of corrections and the secretary of state, and forwarded to the United States census bureau. Judiciary

H-7721 **NOMINATION DEADLINES** (Handy & Shekarchi) This act would move the declaration of candidacy date from the last consecutive Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in June in the even years to the first Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in June. The act also requires independent presidential candidates and presidential candidates of political parties to file their nomination papers ninety (90) days before the general election. Finally, it moves the party primary election back from September to the third Tuesday in August. Judiciary

H-7728 **MAIL BALLOTS** (Azzinaro & Others) This act would amend the time within which mail ballots must be returned to the state board of elections and the time to commence the counting of mail ballots on election day, from nine o'clock (9:00) p.m. to eight o'clock (8:00) p.m. Judiciary

H-7729 **WRITE-IN CANDIDATES** (Marszalkowski & Casimiro) This act would require all candidates seeking to be elected by write-in ballots to file a declaration of intent with the secretary of state no later than four (4:00) p.m. on the day before the election. It would also require the tallying of write-in votes only for election contests in which no name appears on the printed ballot or for write-in candidates meeting the declaration

requirements. Finally, it would mandate that the board of elections report all votes received by declared write-in candidates. Judiciary

S-2294 **POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE/MUNICIPAL VENDORS** (Lombardi & Others) This act would amend the election laws concerning state vendors who are disqualified from making political contributions due to their business dealings with the state. This act would also add municipal vendors to those who are disqualified from making political contributions due to their business dealings with a municipality. Judiciary

S-2419 **IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING** (Lynch & Others) This act would create a process for in-person early voting to be conducted at locations determined by local boards and approved by the state board and would amend provisions related to mail ballots. Judiciary

S-2440 **VOTER REGISTRATION** (Archambault) This act would require the secretary of state to notify the appropriate elected official of a newly registered voter's most recent former place of residence, only if it is located outside of Rhode Island. Judiciary

S-2446 **CHANGE OF PARTY DESIGNATION** (Lombardi) This act would allow any person who has designated their party affiliation to change the designation on or before the twenty-ninth day preceding any primary election. It also changes the date of primaries to the third Tuesday after the first Monday in August. Judiciary

S-2448 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Goldin & Others) This act would repeal the voter identification law. Judiciary

S-2572 **PARTY DESIGNATION** (Raptakis) This act would allow non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries without becoming an affiliated party voter. Judiciary

S-2573 **DATE OF PRIMARIES** (Raptakis) This act would change the date of party primaries from the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September in each even numbered year to the first Tuesday in June in each even numbered year. Judiciary

S-2704 **MAIL BALLOTS** (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-2798 **RETURN OF MAIL BALLOTS** (Euer) This act would amend the time within which mail ballots must be returned to the state board of elections and the time to commence the counting of mail ballots on election day, from nine o'clock (9:00) p.m. to eight o'clock (8:00) p.m. Judiciary

ENVIRONMENT

- [H-7369](#) **CONTAINERS USING BISPHENOL A** (*Handy & Others*) This act would prohibit the use of containers, or food packaged in containers, that contain bisphenol A. *H.E.W.*
- [H-7682](#) **ILLEGAL DUMPING** (*Messier & Others*) This act would allow cities and towns to issue violations to vehicles which are used for illegal dumping of materials, pursuant to city and town ordinances. *Municipal Government*
- [H-7787](#) **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES** (*Tobon & Others*) This act would include a facility's potential detrimental impact on the community as a factor to be considered when approving the construction or operation of a solid waste management facility. *Corporations*
- [H-7793](#) **ENERGY SITING ORDINANCES** (*Handy & Others*) This act would require, by July 1, 2019, the establishment of renewable energy siting ordinances in all cities and towns which would meet the standards set by a working group within the office of energy resources. *Environment & Natural Resources*
- [H-7827](#) **GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT** (*Handy & Others*) This act would establish the Rhode Island global warming solutions act to reduce carbon emissions across various sectors of the local economy. *Finance*
- [H-7851](#) **PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT** (*McEntee & Others*) This act would prohibit large retail sales establishments from providing plastic checkout bags and all retail establishments from providing expanded polystyrene disposable food containers enforced by municipal police departments or other municipal designees with an opt out provision. *Finance*
- [H-7887](#) **BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM** (*Barros & Others*) This act would create a beverage container recycling program using redemption centers which would include the use of automated devices to accept containers for recycling. *Finance*
- [H-7930](#) **RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION-COVER MATERIALS** (*Ucci & Others*) This act would remove glass from the materials not permitted as cover materials by the resource recovery corporation. *Corporations*
- [H-8123](#) **MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS** (*Slater & Diaz*) This act would authorize any municipal water supply system and any regional water quality management district commission to enter into an agreement called a "transaction" enabling certain water supply systems to merge and be deemed a public utility pursuant to chapter 1 of title 39. *Finance*
- [S-2026](#) **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES** (*Goodwin & Nesselbush*) This act would include a facility's potential detrimental impact on the community as a factor to be considered when approving the construction or operation of a solid waste management facility. *Judiciary*
- [S-2053A](#) **COMMITTEE TO STUDY RI WATER RESOURCE BOARD AND WATER SUPPLY** (*Sosnowski*) This resolution would amend and increase the membership of said commission from fifteen (15) to sixteen (16), and extend the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study the Rhode Island Water

Resources Board and Water Supply from January 3, 2018 to March 4 30, 2018, and said commission would expire on June 1, 2018. Environment & Agriculture

S-2054 **ENERGY PLANT SITING-CARBON EMISSIONS** (Calkin & Others) *This act would require carbon-emissions-reduction goals be considered in energy plant siting proceedings. This act would take effect upon passage and would apply to applications made to the energy facility siting board on or after the effective date of this act. Environment & Agriculture*

S-2116 **OFFSHORE DRILLING** (Euer & Others) *This act would regulate activities related to any offshore oil and gas drilling, including exploration in federal waters of the Atlantic Ocean in an effort to minimize any adverse effects resulting therefrom within the territorial waters and coastline of the state. Environment & Agriculture*

S-2188 **CARBON PRICING PROGRAMS** (Calkin & Others) *This act would establish a fee on companies that sell fossil fuels for consumption or distribution within the state. This act would also establish an "energize Rhode Island fund" to disburse the collected funds. The funds would be disbursed through rebates to all residents and businesses in the state as well as allocated to climate resilience, renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate adaptation programs that benefit Rhode Islands, including low-income residents and small businesses. Environment and Agriculture*

S-2354 **PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION ACT** (Miller & Others) *This act would prohibit large retail sales establishments from providing plastic checkout bags and all retail establishments from providing expanded polystyrene disposable food containers enforced by municipal police departments or other municipal designees with an opt out provision. Environment & Agriculture*

S-2355 **CLIMATE CHANGE COSTAL ADAPTION TRUST FUND** (Lynch & 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. Environment & Agriculture*

S-2435 **ILLEGAL DUMPING** (Crowley & Others) *This act would allow cities and towns to issue violations to vehicles which are used for illegal dumping of materials, pursuant to city and town ordinances. Judiciary*

S-2558 **KENT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT-MEMBERSHIP** (Raptakis & Others) *This act would reduce the term of office members and chair of the Kent County Water District board from seven (7) years to three (3) years, effective September 1, 2018. It would also limit the chair to three (3) consecutive term. Housing & Municipal Government*

S-2653 **RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION-COVER MATERIALS** (Lombardo & Others) *This act would remove glass from the materials not permitted as cover materials by the resource recovery corporation. Environment & Agriculture*

S-2747 **GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT** (Handy & Others) *This act would establish the Rhode Island global warming solutions act to reduce carbon emissions across various sectors of the local economy. Environment & Agriculture*

S-2803 **WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES** (Lombardo & Others) This act would authorize the Narragansett Bay Commission to enter into agreements with various entities for the acquisition, merger or consolidation of water treatment facilities, in addition to their current sewage treatment facilities powers.
Judiciary

FINANCE & TAXATION

H-7098 **SENIOR SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM** (Ruggiero & 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-7100 **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-7102 **MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM** (Edwards & Others) This act would create a municipal infrastructure grant program within the department of administration (DOA) to issue grants and provide assistance for municipal and other public infrastructure projects that support job creation and expansion, housing development and rehabilitation, community development, and for the accommodation of future growth and redevelopment. Finance

H-7103 **VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Casimiro & Others) This act would extend the veterans' partial exemption from real estate taxes to those who were one hundred percent (100%) disabled owing to an injury or injuries sustained in training for combat duty at any time. Finance

H-7118 **PATHWAY TO RETIREMENT SECURITY ACT** (Vella-Wilkinson and 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

H-7144 **REVALUATIONS OF REAL PROPERTY- ASSESSMENT CAP** (Perez and 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 December 31, 2018 and every December 31 thereafter. This cap would not apply to a newly constructed building or a newly constructed addition to an existing building for a period of three (3) years after completion. Finance

H-7145 **REIMBURSEMENT FOR STUDENTS IN GROUP HOMES/RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES** (Fogarty & Others) 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-7197 **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-7200 **2019 APPROPRIATIONS ACT ARTICLE 3: WITHHOLDING OF STATE AID** (Abney) This article would authorize the tax administrator to withhold/offset state aid from any distribution of the local meals and beverage tax any amounts owed to the state. This Article would also authorize the state to withhold/offset state aid, distributions of the sales and use tax, and distribution of the public service corporation tax amounts

owed any public or quasi-public board, commission, corporation, council, authority, agency, department, committee or other similar body organized under the laws of this state. Finance

H-7200 **2019 APPROPRIATIONS ACT ARTICLE 9: SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION** (Abney) This article amends various sections of chapters 16, 45, and 46 of the General Laws relating to funding for school housing projects including but not limited to incentives for increases in housing aid ratio shares, allowing the infrastructure bank to issue bonds for such projects, and changes in the authority and responsibilities of the school building authority. Finance

H-7200 **2019 APPROPRIATIONS ACT ARTICLE 12: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** This article amends various sections of the General Laws relating to economic development including but not limited to requiring the commerce corporation to assess the performance and effectiveness of incentive programs, remove certain sunset provisions within and redefine the term manufacturing for the Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit program, and also amends Chapter 42-64 by adding the Refundable Investment Tax Credit, Manufacturing Site Readiness , and Technical Assistance for Municipal Zoning and Permitting Fund Acts. Finance

H-7215 **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, 2017. Finance

H-7282 **EDUCATION AID-MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES** (Shanley & Others) This act would require any municipality which receives state educational aid pursuant to the foundation education aid to allocate at least ten percent (10%) of the state's share to the maintenance, repair, renovation and/or construction of the school facilities. Finance

H-7291 **REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES** (Messier & Others) This act would permit redevelopment agencies to finance the construction of projects for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial, institutional, public, or other purposes contemplated by a redevelopment plan. Finance

H-7355 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS** (McEntee & Others) This act would exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law enforcement officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty. Finance

H-7407 **CHARTER SCHOOL OPERATIONAL COSTS-INVOICES** (Serpa & Others) This act would require charter schools to issue a detailed invoice to the public-school districts for local aid, only for those resident students who are enrolled at the charter public school during the quarter prior to said date. Finance

H-7489 **TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX-PHASE OUT** (Giarusso & Others) This act would provide a ten (10) year phase out to the personal property tax. Finance

H-7545 **EDUCATION AID-REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS** (Marshall & Others) This act would permit any regional school district to be considered a separate and individual community for purposes of determining and distributing foundation level school support. This act would take effect upon passage and be effective for the 2018-2019 fiscal year and thereafter. Finance

H-7546 **EDUCATION AID- INCENTIVE BONUS PROGRAMS** (Marshall & Others) This act would create the education achievement incentive bonus program to be funded by an appropriation by the general assembly to reward school systems that meet or exceed annual education goals and/or standards established by the Rhode Island department of education. The bonus would be in addition to any funds awarded pursuant to the state funding formula. Finance

H-7547 **EDUCATION AID-TRANSITION PLAN** (Marshall & Donovan) This act would provide that the transition plan for education aid begun in fiscal year 2012 would be frozen in place and halted at the rates and calculations in effect for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, and for all fiscal years thereafter. Finance

H-7549 **EDUCATION AID-DETERMINATION OF STATE SHARE** (Marshall & Others) This act would provide that commencing fiscal year 2019 and thereafter, all state funds appropriated for educational purposes pursuant to this chapter would be in an amount not less than the amount of funds appropriated in the previous fiscal year. Finance

H-7552 **REGIONALIZATION BONUSES** (Price & Others) This act would restore the regionalization bonus in foundation education aid for certain regionalized school districts. Finance

H-7553 **MICRO ZONE REVITALIZATION ACT** (Phillips & Others) This act would create micro zones in distressed areas to stimulate economic revitalization, employment opportunities, and business development through the redevelopment of obsolete, dilapidated and abandoned industrial and commercial structures Finance

H-7556 **TAX INCREMENT FINANCING** (Barros & Others) This act would amend provisions of the tax increment financing act to encourage municipalities to use tax increment financing to facilitate economic development. Finance

H-7617 **TAX EXEMPTIONS-NON- PROFIT HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS** (Morin & Others) This act would provide that real and personal property of nonprofit hospitals that are converted from nonprofit to for-profit and then, on or after December 31, 2016, are converted back to nonprofit shall not be exempt from taxation. Finance

H-7620 **PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX-ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION** (Ucci) This act would clarify depreciation in connection with the calculation of the net book value of a company's tangible personal property, by providing that the accumulated depreciation reduction would consider physical deterioration and functional and economic obsolescence determined in accordance with generally accepted property tax valuation principles. Finance

H-7651 **PUBLICATION OF MUNICIPAL AND OTHER PUBLIC BUDGETS** (Solomon & Phillips) This act would make public entity budgets available in digital form through the secretary of state. Judiciary

H-7655 **MUNICIPAL TIPPING FEES** (Marszalkowski & Others) This act would limit municipal tipping fees paid by municipalities to rate increases of no more than four percent (4%) per year over the base rate of forty-seven dollars (\$47.00) a ton beginning in July of 2019 for fiscal year 2020-2021, and all years thereafter. Finance

H-7805 **DISTRICT PAYMENTS TO CHARTERS-DAVIES AND THE MET CENTER** (Serpa) This act would provide for quarterly assessments of district payments to charter public school, Davies and the Met Center calculated on a per diem basis and payable within thirty (30) days and would require said charters, Davies and the Met Center to keep enrollment records with student ID numbers to avoid double billing. Finance

H-7818 **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-7846 **QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME HOUSING** (Phillips & Others) This act would provide that effective January 1, 2019, 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-7857 **MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS** (Tobon) This act would exempt the gross receipts of nonprofit municipal government employee associations from the sales and use taxation. Finance

H-7858 **TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY** (Marszalkowski) This act would revise the list of personal property subject to local taxation and provide greater clarity to businesses in the state concerning such taxes. Finance

H-7904 **REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS-TAXING AUTHORITY** (Marshall) This act would enable all regional school districts in effect as of July 1, 2018, as taxing regional school districts, with authority to levy and collect property taxes from member cities and towns for educational purposes upon property located within the municipalities served by the regional school district upon authorization and ratification of the annual budget request by member cities and towns. This act would take effect upon passage and be effective for the 2018-2019 fiscal year and thereafter. Finance

H-7919 **SAFE SCHOOL PROGRAM** (Amore & Others) This act would establish a process of funding and ensuring that our public schools remain safer and secure. The safe school program would require that a certified school resource officer be employed at each public school and would allow for each school department to seek an additional five percent (5%) reimbursement for school construction projects related to safety. Finance

H-8057 **FUNDING OF SCHOOL SAFETY EVALUATION PROGRAMS** (Mendonca & Others) This act would establish a restricted receipt account for the purpose of funding school safety evaluations, to be known as the "Rhode Island Public School Safety Evaluation Program Fund." Finance

H-8015 **TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY** (McKiernan & Others) This act would place limitations on the tax exempt real and personal property a nonprofit college, university or hospital may hold. Finance

H-8033 **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF -COSTAL AND RIVERINE HOMES** (Carson & Shekarchi) This act would enable cities and towns to provide property tax relief to individuals who take resiliency measures to rehabilitate their property because of flood hazards. Finance

H-8093 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-ASSOCIATED RADIO AMATEURS OF SNE** (Kazarian & Others) This act would exempt Associated Radio Amateurs of Southern New England from real and personal property taxes. Finance

H-8099 **EDUCATION AID-FUNDING FORMULA** (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 2018 for a period of three (3) years. Finance

H-8100 **PUPIL TRANSPORTATION-REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would provide that the state would reimburse the school committees for the costs of providing student transportation services to public and private school pupils. Finance

S-2002 **REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES-FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS** (Conley & Others) This act would permit redevelopment agencies to finance the construction of projects for residential, recreational, commercial, industrial, institutional, public, or other purposes contemplated by a redevelopment plan. Finance

S-2014 **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-2017aa **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF** (Felag & Others) This act would amend the definition of "disabled", for the purposes of property tax relief, to include veterans who earn less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) annually and who receive disability benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Finance

S-2049 **SPECIAL EDUCATION-EXTRAORDINARY COSTS DEFINED** (DiPalma & Others) This act would redefine extraordinary costs associated with the education of special education students to be costs that are above the core foundation amount. Finance

S-2059 **EDUCATION AID-QUALIFIED LOW-INCOME HOUSING** (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, 2018. Finance

S-2060 **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

S-2062 **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-2063 **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-2068 ***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-2074 ***QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME HOUSING*** (Picard & Cote) This act would increase the maximum tax on qualifying low-income property from eight percent (8%) of the previous year's gross scheduled rental income to ten percent (10%) of the prospective year's gross scheduled rental income. Finance

S-2119 ***APPROPRIATION-AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING FOR YOUTH*** (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. Finance

S-2127 ***PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS*** (Coyne & 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

S-2132 ***REVALUATIONS OF REAL PROPERTY- ASSESSMENT CAP*** (Ciccone and Lombardi) 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 December 31, 2018 and every December 31 thereafter. This cap would not apply to a newly constructed building or a newly constructed addition to an existing building for a period of three (3) years after completion. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2192 ***REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX*** (Archambault & Others) Exempts from the real estate conveyance tax certain low-income and affordable housing developments. Finance

S-2193 ***BOND ISSUANCE-INFRASTRUCTURE BANK*** (Pearson & Others) This act would incorporate bonds issued by the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank into the computation of school housing aid assistance and school housing project costs. The act would also remove certain requirements as to how suppliers must expend funds for certain eligible expenditures related to conservation or improvements to watershed lands. Finance

S-2195 ***PROPERTY TAX RELIEF*** (Lynch Prata & Others) This act would amend the law on property tax relief extended to elderly and/or disabled persons by eliminating the lowest income range of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), increasing the income range from thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) and increasing the maximum credit amount for property tax relief to seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750). In addition, it would eliminate the credit derived from video lottery terminals. Finance

S-2198 ***COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM*** (DiPalma & 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

S-2204 ***TAXATION OF 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, 2018 and all future assessments. Finance

S-2205 **REGIONALIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT BONUSES** (Kettle & Morgan) 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 2019. 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-2209 **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-2215 **CHARTER SCHOOL OPERATIONAL COSTS-INVOICES** (Satchell & Others) This act would require charter schools to issue a detailed invoice to the public-school districts for local aid, only for those resident students who are enrolled at the charter public school during the quarter prior to said date. Finance

S-2221 **SCHOOL HOUSING AID-INFRASTRUCTURE BANK** (Metts & Others) This act would provide school housing aid for certain projects approved by the state including funding for payment of interest on certain bonds and leases. Finance

S-2239 **MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM** (Pearson & Others) This act would create a municipal infrastructure grant program within the department of administration (DOA) to issue grants and provide assistance for municipal and other public infrastructure projects that support job creation and expansion, housing development and rehabilitation, community development, and for the accommodation of future growth and redevelopment. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2371 **EDUCATION AID-MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT** (Raptakis & Others) This act would provide that in determining local school aid, the state would annually provide each community no less than an amount equal to the aid given in the preceding fiscal year. Finance

S-2391 **PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX-ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION** (Ucci) This act would clarify depreciation in connection with the calculation of the net book value of a company's tangible personal property, by providing that the accumulated depreciation reduction would consider physical deterioration and functional and economic obsolescence determined in accordance with generally accepted property tax valuation principles. Finance

S-2392 **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS** (Conley & Others) This act would exempt Associated Radio Amateurs of Southern New England from real and personal property taxes. Finance

S-2414 **REAL PROPERTY REVALUATIONS** (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-2516 **NON-PROFIT HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS** (Picard & Cote) This act would provide that real and personal property of nonprofit hospitals that are converted from nonprofit to for-profit and then, on or after December 31, 2016, are converted back to nonprofit shall not be exempt from taxation. Finance

S-2519 **VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS** (Picard) This act would give cities and towns the option of entirely exempting the homestead of a disabled veteran or their surviving spouse from taxation. Finance

S-2520 **DISTRIBUTION OF HOTEL TAX PROCEEDS** (DiPalma & Others) This act would restore the forty-seven percent (47%) distribution percentage with respect to hotel tax proceeds generated in the various regional districts and would repeal the separate formula used for hosting platforms. This act would take effect on July 1, 2018. Finance

S-2658 **MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS** (Conley & Others) This act would exempt the gross receipts of nonprofit municipal government employee associations from the sales and use taxation. Finance

S-2662 **CHARTER & PUBLIC SCHOOLS -STATE SHARE** This act would provide that beginning in FY 2019, the state would pay the local share or contribution of charter public school tuition for the number of students attending the charter public schools more than five percent (5%) of the average daily membership of all pupils attending public schools within those school districts. Finance

S-2664 **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 would be phased out over a two (2) year period. Finance

S-2668 **PROPERTY TAX CREDITS-VOLUNTEER SERVICE** (Coyne & Others) This act would authorize cities and towns to establish a program to allow persons over the age of sixty (60) to provide volunteer services in exchange for a property tax credit up to one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500). The credit would be calculated by multiplying the number of volunteer service hours by the state minimum wage per hour. Finance

S-2748Aaa **ASSESSMENT OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY** (Pearson) This act would revise the list of personal property subject to local taxation and provide greater clarity to businesses in the state concerning such taxes. Finance

S-2773 **SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY PROJECTS** (Lombardi & Others) This act would increase the school housing aid share ratio by five percent (5%) for school safety and security projects. For annual appropriations by the general assembly for school housing aid, remaining monies not appropriated in a particular fiscal year shall be remitted for school safety and security as determined by the board of education. Education

S-2825 **JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION-PROPERTY TAX AND RELATED ISSUES** (Fogarty & Ciccone) This act would establish a nineteen (19) member permanent joint oversight commission to study and evaluate property tax related issues. Housing & Municipal Government

FIRE DISTRICTS

H-7281 ***RICHMOND-CAROLINA FIRE DISTRICT CHARTER*** (Price and Kennedy) *This act would repeal the current chapter for the Richmond-Carolina fire district and would replace it with a charter supported by the town council of the town of Richmond and approved by fire district voters at a special district meeting held on November 9, 2017. Finance*

S-2098 ***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-7316 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT** (Slater & Others) This act would require the general assembly to appropriate not less than five million dollars annually in capital financing for affordable housing development. Finance

H-7418 **HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY-EMERGENCY GENERATORS** (Costantino & Others) This act would require emergency generators in any elderly housing complex consisting of more than three (3) residential units in one building. H.E.W.

H-7528 **FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES** (Williams & Others) This act would prohibit discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income. Judiciary

H-7662 **LOW AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING PROJECTS** (Giarusso & Others) This act would allow a local review board of a city or town to provide reasonable conditions and limitations on any project. Economic feasibility would not be an impediment to the imposition of such conditions and limitations. Finance

S-2133 **HOMELESS PERSONS-SERVICE ANIMALS** (Seveney & Others) This act would protect homeless persons in possession of a service animal, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, from being denied access to any homeless shelter in violation of the ADA or the state or federal Fair Housing Practices Acts. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2301 **FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES** (Metts & Others) This act would prohibit discrimination in housing against those persons who have a lawful source of income. Judiciary

S-2674 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING-MOBILE & MANUFACTURED HOMES** (Morgan & Gee) This act would qualify mobile and manufactured homes as affordable housing when installed and affixed in mobile and manufactured home parks in groups of twenty (20) or more for a year or more. Housing & Municipal Government

LABOR RELATIONS

H-7198 **CONTINUATION OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS** (*Vella-Wilkinson and 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-7377 **MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION-REPRESENTATION** (*McEntee & Others*) This act would relieve municipal police bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit within the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance. Labor

H-7378 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE ARBITRATION-REPRESENTATION** (*McEntee & Others*) This act would relieve municipal employee bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit in the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance. Labor

H-7379 **TEACHER AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE ARBITRATION** (*Vella-Wilkinson & Others*) This act would make the arbitrator's decision binding on all matters pertaining to certified public-school teachers and municipal employees, including those matters involving the expenditure of money. Labor

H-7633 **FIREFIGHTERS ARBITRATION** (*Bennett & Others*) This act would continue all provisions of firefighters' collective bargaining agreements until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered. Labor

H-7634 **MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION** (*Bennett & Others*) This act would extend provisions of an existing collective bargaining agreement for municipal police arbitration purposes until a successor agreement is reached or an interest arbitration award is rendered. Labor

S-2157 **MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION-REQUEST FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING** (*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-2158 **MUNICIPAL POLICE ARBITRATION-REPRESENTATION** (*Coyne & Others*) This act would relieve municipal police bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit within the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance. Labor

S-2160 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE ARBITRATION-REPRESENTATION** (*Coyne & Others*) This act would relieve municipal employee bargaining representatives from their obligation to represent employees in grievances/arbitrations if they were not members of the bargaining unit in the ninety (90) days prior to the events that caused the grievance. Labor

LIQUOR CONTROL & LICENSES

H-7092 **MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE LICENSES** (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-7322 **RETAIL WHOLESALE LICENSES** (Ucci) This act would provide that holders of a Class P alcoholic beverage license may purchase alcohol at retail or wholesale. Corporations

H-7364 **BREW PUB MANUFACTURERS LICENSE** (O'Grady & Others) This act would allow the holder of a brewpub manufacturer's license to sell products directly to holders of Class B, Class B-V, and Class C licenses. Corporations

H-7479 **CLASS P LICENSES-CATERERS** (Ajello & Others) This act would create additional restrictions on the times for which caterers with a Class P license may serve alcohol and would provide for the additional penalty of possible suspension or revocation of the Class P license for violations of this section. Corporations

H-7516 **TAXATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** (Carson) This act would exempt from taxation the donation of alcoholic beverages to nonprofit organizations that are exempt from federal taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Finance

H-7622 **TAXATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** (Walsh & Others) This act would repeal the exemption from sales and use taxes for certain alcoholic beverages and would provide that all tax revenue received as a result shall be distributed to the applicable municipalities where the alcoholic beverages were sold. Finance

H-7672 **CLASS A LICENSE HOLDERS** (Costantino & Others) This act would add prepackaged cheeses to the items allowed for sale at Class A license holders premises in towns or cities of ten thousand (10,000) or more inhabitants. Corporations

H-7777 **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-8068 **SPECIAL EVENT LICENSES** (Phillips & Others) This act would permit cities and towns to issue special events liquor licenses to permit the equivalent of one-day licenses one day each month. Corporations

H-8130 **LIQUOR LICENSE APPEALS** (Diaz & Others) This act would amend procedures regarding local liquor license appeals. Judiciary

S-2107 **WINE DIRECT SHIPPERS LICENSE** (Satchell & Others) This act would create a wine direct shipper license for licensed producers in this or any state, to directly ship a limited amount of wine to residents age twenty-one (21) or older, for personal consumption, with oversight by the department of business regulation and the division of taxation. Violations of this act would be punishable as a misdemeanor, with a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and/or imprisonment for a period of up to one year. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

S-2483A **CLASS P LICENSES-CATERERS** (Goldin & Quezada) This act would create additional restrictions on the times for which caterers with a Class P license may serve alcohol and would provide for the additional penalty of possible suspension or revocation of the Class P license for violations of this section. *Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs*

S-2487 **PROXIMITY TO SCHOOLS & CHURCHES** (Fogarty & Others) This act would provide that on and after July 1, 2018, 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 feet (200') of a school or place of public worship. *Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs*

S-2489 **CLASS A LICENSE HOLDERS** (Gallo & Others) This act would add prepackaged cheeses to the items allowed for sale at Class A license holders premises in towns or cities of ten thousand (10,000) or more inhabitants. *Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs*

S-2740 **CLASS G LICENSES** (Cote & Picard) This act would allow railroad companies who hold a Class G license to serve alcohol to passengers sixty (60) minutes prior to departure. *Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs*

PLANNING & ZONING

H-7332 **ZONING BOARDS OF REVIEW** (Cunha & Others) This act would place the power of appointment of members of the municipal zoning boards in the mayor of a city or town or in the town or city council if there is no mayor except for the town of North Providence. Judiciary

H-7741 **FLOOD ZONES-MEASUREMENT OF BUILDING HEIGHT** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would amend the "building height" definition in chapter 24 of title 45 (zoning ordinances) for property in special flood hazard areas. The building height would be measured from the base flood elevation. Judiciary

H-7767 **ZONING ORDINANCES-NOTICE** (Cunha & Others) This act would require that when a proposed amendment to a zoning ordinance would result in a merger of lots, the city or town must provide written notice of the public hearing to all owners of real property whose lots are subject to merger. Municipal Government

H-7769 **CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** (Fogarty & Others) This act would allow minor projects (residential only) to remain minor and subject to the lesser time period for certification. This act would also add more time for certification at the master and preliminary plan phases on major subdivisions and land developments but reduces the time for certification and resubmission at the final plan phase for consistency purposes. The time for the master plan decision is increased to one hundred twenty (120) days and the time for the preliminary plan decision is restored to one hundred twenty (120) days. Municipal Government

H-7834 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Roberts & Others) This act would prohibit certain affordable housing programs with requirements that exceed those set forth in the general laws of the state from being included in the statewide planning program. Finance

H-8080 **PLANNING/ZONING BOARDS-CONTINUING EDUCATION** (Carson & Others) This act would require initial and continuing education in land use law and planning for local planning and/or zoning board and commission members Municipal Government

H-7836 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Roberts & Others) This act would alter the definition of "affordable housing" to include housing that costs no more than thirty percent (30%) of gross household income for a household with income less than sixty percent (60%) of the median income for city or town. Amends definition of "comprehensive plan" to include the above defined affordable housing in the comprehensive plan. Finance

S-2412 **ZONING ORDINANCES-NOTICE** (McCaffrey & Goodwin) This act would require that when a proposed amendment to a zoning ordinance would result in a merger of lots, the city or town must provide written notice of the public hearing to all owners of real property whose lots are subject to merger. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2413 **FLOOD ZONES-MEASUREMENT OF BUILDING HEIGHT** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would amend the "building height" definition in chapter 24 of title 45 (zoning ordinances) for property in special flood hazard areas. The building height would be measured from the base flood elevation. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2751

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PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE & FIRE)

H-7084 **MENTAL HEALTH LITERACY TRAINING** (Lombardi & Hull) 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-7084 **TRAFFIC STOP EDUCATION AND TRAINING** (Lombardi) This act would require that all driver education programs incorporate as part of their curriculum a section designed to teach applicants the prohibitions and obligations relating to traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement officers and the procedure for filing a complaint alleging any violations. H.E.W.

H-7085 **TRAINING STANDARDS-PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES** (Lombardi & Hull) 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-7112 **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS-RECIPROCITY** (Perez & Others) 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-7165 **WEAPONS-BUMP STOCKS AND TRIGGER CRANKS** (Perez & Others) This act would define bump stock and trigger crank and would make possession of any firearm equipped with either device a felony punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment. Judiciary

H-7194 **TRAFFIC STOP EDUCATION AND TRAINING** (Lombardi) This act would require driver's instruction courses and tests to include instruction and information on a driver's responsible conduct, including, but not limited to, the rights provided to driver's pursuant to the "comprehensive community-police relationship act of 2015" during a traffic stop. H.E.W.

H-7302 **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-7303 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION** (Jacquard and Others) This act would provide that only those juveniles over the age of fourteen (14) be required to register as sex offenders and that the offense be comparable or more severe than those defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2241. Judiciary

H-7451 **CELL PHONE TRACKING** (Craven & Others) This act would provide that the warrant and notice requirements for all cell phone tracking do not apply to location information obtained by a court order dealing with interception of wire and oral communications or dealing with pen registers and trap and trace devices. Judiciary

H-7505 **CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (Johnston) This act would create a new chapter to address crimes against public trust providing felony or misdemeanor charges and restitution for various crimes included therein, and would extend the statute of limitations for certain violations under said chapter as well as § 11-41-27 relative to wrongful conversion by officers or state or municipal employees to ten (10) years, and would

amend the "Rhode Island Public Employee Pension Revocation and Reduction Act" to provide for the revocation or reduction of any pension benefits, if applicable. Judiciary

H-7518 **POLICE TRAINING-REIMBURSEMENT** (Roberts & Others) This act would require any police department that hires an officer employed by another police department within the state of Rhode Island to reimburse the municipality for which the officer first worked, for all costs and expenses associated with the officer's training and education provided that such costs were incurred within five years of the hiring. Municipal Government

H-7536 **CURFEW STREETS** (Edwards & Others) This act would eliminate the designation of "curfew streets" by police chiefs or police commissioners. Judiciary

H-7588 **IMITATION FIREARMS** (Canario & Others) This act would define imitation firearm and provide that it 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 as a misdemeanor. This act would also provide that it is unlawful to alter or insert any other mark of identification on a firearm. Brightly colored plugs inserted into the barrel of a firearm would be included as a "mark of identification." Judiciary

H-7590 **RETURN OF SEIZED PROPERTY** (Kazarian & Others) This act would require state and municipal authorities to return forfeited property or money to its owner when no criminal charges are filed, or where a court has made a finding that no violation has occurred, within ninety (90) days of its final determination unless the seized property is forfeitable controlled substances. Judiciary

H-7591 **WEAPONS 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-7597 **TRANSPORTATION OF SHOTGUNS AND RIFLES/SALE OF FIREARMS TO MINORS** (Diaz & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any person to carry a rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or conveyance or on or about their person whether visible or concealed subject to certain exceptions. The act would also provide an enhanced penalty to those who unlawfully sold, transferred, gave, conveyed, or caused to be sold, transferred, given or conveyed to any person under eighteen (18) years of age who used that firearm in a crime of violence. Judiciary

H-7598 **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY MINORS** (Diaz & Others) This act would criminalize possession of a firearm by a minor, except when the minor is engaged in certain activities and when accompanied by a parent, guardian, or qualified adult. Judiciary

H-7640 **ASSET FORFEITURE** (Cunha & Tobon) This act would provide for standardized procedures for asset forfeitures across all crimes, simplify procedures, and addresses counterproductive incentives that distort policing priorities, while protecting the powers of law enforcement to seize property suspected of being associated with crime and preserving prosecutors' ability to charge and prosecute suspected criminals, and 5 would ensure that those individuals convicted of a crime do not benefit from the fruits of their 6 crime. The act would also provide legislators with the information necessary for basic oversight of law enforcement agencies who seize and forfeit private property under state and federal forfeiture laws. Judiciary

H-7643 **PURCHASE/TRANSFER OF FIREARMS** (Johnston & Canario) 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. Judiciary

H-7644 **PERMIT TO CARRY FIREARMS-BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Slater & Others) This act would provide that applicants for a license or permit to carry a firearm under §§ 11-47-11 and 11-47-18 must undergo a national criminal records check, which shall include fingerprints submitted to the federal bureau of investigation (FBI). Judiciary

H-7645 **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, known as high capacity magazines. This act would make exceptions for law enforcement and the United States armed forces. Judiciary

H-7714 **SALE OF RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS** (Marshall & Others) This act would raise the legal age to purchase a rifle or shotgun from eighteen (18) years of age to twenty-one (21) years of age, prohibit the sale of firearms to anyone under the age of twenty-one (21) and raise the age for minors with permits for sporting purposes and training to the age of twenty-one (21). Judiciary

H-7716 **SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS-JURISDICTION** (Blazejewski) 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

H-7754 **PEN REGISTERS AND TRAP AND TRACE DEVICES** (Filippi & Others) This act would prohibit the use of a stingray cell-site simulator device by any law enforcement agency except upon application for its use and the granting of its order by the presiding justice of the superior court. Judiciary

H-7760 **AUTOMATED TRAFFIC MONITORING SYSTEMS** (Giarusso & Others) This act would repeal the Rhode Island automated traffic violation monitoring system act of 2005 and the Rhode Island automated school-zone-speed-enforcement system act of 2016 authorizing the use of sensors which produce images of motor vehicles violating traffic laws. Judiciary

H-7761 **POSSESSION OF RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would raise the legal age to purchase or possess a rifle or shotgun from eighteen (18) years of age to twenty-one (21) years of age. The act would also "grandfather" lawful current ownership by persons under twenty-one (21) years of age, and would make an exemption for police and military, and lawful supervised use to include hunting. Judiciary

H-7763 **SURRENDER OF WEAPONS** (Ranglin-Vassell and Others) This act would provide the district courts with authority to issue "extreme risk protection orders" when the court finds the subject of the order is an imminent danger to cause personal injury to self or others by having access to a firearm. The act would also provide that a person subject to an extreme risk protection order surrender all firearms and carry permit while subject to such an order. Judiciary

H-7766 **WEAPONS-SALE/MAGAZINE CAPACITY** (Knight & Others) This act would create the "Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2018" which would restrict the possession and sale of semiautomatic assault weapons, limit ammunition magazines to ten (10) or less rounds, and would make provisions for "grandfathered" ownership of semiautomatic assault weapons. The act would also "grandfather" current ownership of magazines, and would make exceptions for law enforcement. Judiciary

H-7854 **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS-TRAINING** (Phillips) This act would establish a program for the training and assignment of school resource officers to middle and high schools. Judiciary

H-7862 **POSSESSION OF RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS** (McLaughlin) This act would raise the legal age to purchase or possess a rifle or shotgun from eighteen (18) years of age to twenty-one (21) years of age. The act would also "grandfather" lawful current ownership by persons under twenty-one (21) years of age, and would make an exemption for police and military. Judiciary

H-7863 **POSSESSION OF RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS** (McLaughlin) This act would raise the legal age to purchase or possess a rifle or shotgun from eighteen (18) years of age to twenty-one (21) years of age. The act would also "grandfather" lawful current ownership by persons under twenty-one (21) years of age, and would make an exemption for police and military. Judiciary

H-7864 **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BILL OF RIGHTS** (Morin) This act would provide that sworn law enforcement members of the state fire marshal's office be subject to the state law enforcement officers' bill of rights. Judiciary

H-7938 **CAMPUS POLICE OFFICERS-FIREARMS** (O'Brien & Others) This act would mandate arming campus police at public higher educational institutions. Judiciary

H-8024 **PURCHASE OF RIFLES/SHOTGUNS** (Diaz & Others) This act would increase the lawful age to purchase a rifle or shotgun to from eighteen (18) years of age to twenty-one (21) years of age. The act would also require a person to complete a basic rifle/shotgun safety course before they can legally purchase a rifle/shotgun. This act would take effect on July 1, 2018, and would apply to any rifle or shotgun purchased on or after July 1, 2018. Judiciary

H-8089 **LINE OF DUTY ILLNESS/INJURY** (Vella-Wilkinson & Others) This act would add correctional officers at the Rhode Island department of corrections to the group of public safety officials eligible to collect salary, wages, and benefits during the periods of whole or partial incapacitation incurred while on duty, or while providing emergency assistance within the state while off duty. Labor

H-8119 **WEAPONS-STUN GUNS** (Lima & Others) This act would permit the sale and use of stun guns by persons eighteen (18) years of age or older. This act would also permit the use of tasers by persons eighteen (18) years of age or older upon successful completion of a basic taser safety course to be administered by the department of environmental management. Judiciary

S-2027 **WEAPONS-BUMP STOCKS** (Seveney & Others) This act would make it unlawful to possess, transport, manufacture, ship or sell a bump stock. Violation would subject the offender to imprisonment for a period of not more than five (5) years and/or a fine up to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) or both. Judiciary

S-2030 **MOTOR VEHICLES-UNATTENDED CHILDREN** (Raptakis & Others) This act would make it a criminal offense to leave a child under seven (7) years of age unattended in a motor vehicle for longer than fifteen (15) minutes or any child under fourteen (14) for any length of time in extreme heat or cold, punishable for a first offense by a fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) and for subsequent offenses by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year and/or by a fine of no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Judiciary

S-2089 **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-2096 **ASSAULT-POLICE OFFICERS/OTHER OFFICIALS** (Ciccione & Others) This act would provide that assaults on police officers and other officials be punished by no less than one year but no more than three years' incarceration. Judiciary

S-2139 **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS-RECIPROCITY** (Archambault & 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

S-2143 **CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS-VARIOUS AMENDMENTS** (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-2144 **FIREARM SILENCERS-DEFINITIONS AND PERMITTED USES** (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 (17") or greater and would permit the use of such a device for lawful hunting activity. Judiciary

S-2151 **LINE OF DUTY ILLNESS OR INJURY-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. Judiciary

S-2292 **WEAPONS-BUMP STOCKS, BINARY TRIGGERS, TRIGGER CRANKS** (Seveney & Others) This act would make possession or use of a semi-automatic weapon rapid fire device including bump stocks, binary triggers or trigger cranks punishable by up to ten (10) years 3 imprisonment and/or a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) fine. Judiciary

S-2319 **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-2455 **PISTOL PERMITS** (Goldin & Other) This act would limit the issuance of pistol and revolver carry permits to the office of the attorney general. Judiciary

S-2456 **GUN PERMITS-BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Goldin & Others) This act would provide that applicants for a license or permit to carry a firearm under §§ 2 11-47-11 and 11-47-18 must undergo a national criminal records check, which shall include fingerprints submitted to the federal bureau of investigation (FBI). Judiciary

S-2493 **ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN ACT** (Miller & Others) This act would create the "Rhode Island Assault Weapons Ban Act of 2018" which would restrict the possession and sale of semiautomatic assault weapons, limit ammunition magazines to ten (10) or less rounds, and would make provisions for "grandfathered" ownership of semiautomatic assault weapons. The act would also "grandfather" current ownership of magazines, and would make exceptions for law enforcement. Judiciary

S-2518 **MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING** (DiPalma & Others) This act would appropriate two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the Rhode Island State Police Municipal Police Academy to implement law enforcement mental health training. Finance

S-2606 **IMITATION FIREARMS** (Goodwin) This act would define imitation firearm and provide that it 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 as a misdemeanor. This act would also provide that it is unlawful to alter or insert any other mark of identification on a firearm. Brightly colored plugs inserted into the barrel of a firearm would be included as a "mark of identification." Judiciary

S-2615 **SALE AND TRANSFER OF FIREARMS** (Miller & Others) 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. Judiciary

S-2782 **PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES-INJURIES ON DUTY** (Ciccone & Others) This act would add department of corrections' correctional officers to the list of public safety employees that are entitled to their full salary if they are injured and become disabled as a result of performance of their job duties. Finance

S-2797 **PURCHASE OF RIFLES/SHOTGUNS** (Seveney & Others) This act would increase the lawful age to purchase a rifle or shotgun to from eighteen (18) years of age to twenty-one (21) years of age. The act would also require a person to complete a basic rifle/shotgun safety course before they can legally purchase a rifle/shotgun. This act would take effect on July 1, 2018, and would apply to any rifle or shotgun purchased on or after July 1, 2018. Judiciary

RETIREMENT

H-7017 **TEACHER RETIREMENT-SUBSTITUTE TEACHING** (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-7213 **POST-RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Casey & Others) This act would add tutoring to the list of occupations which may be performed at a state college or university by a retired public officer or employee without forfeiture or impairment of retirement benefits, subject to an annual limitation of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000). Finance

H-7631 **MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM-STATE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES** (O'Brien & Others) This act would move many state employee public safety professionals from the state retirement system to the municipal retirement system, effective July 1, 2018. It would set their retirement contribution to ten percent (10%) of their compensation. Finance

H-7632 **POST-RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT-STATE EDUCATORS** (McEntee & Others) This act would increase the amount from eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) that retired state educators could earn in yearly compensation in their post-retirement, before their retirement benefits would be reduced. Finance

H-8056 **RETIREMENT STIPENDS** (Messier & Others) This act would provide for a stipend to be paid to certain retired state employees, municipal employees, and teachers or their beneficiaries during years when a cost of living adjustment is not scheduled. Finance

S-2124 **MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM-STATE PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES** (Coyne & Others) This act would move many state employee public safety professionals from the state retirement system to the municipal retirement system, effective July 1, 2018. It would set their retirement contribution to ten percent (10%) of their compensation. Finance

S-2125 **POST-RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Archambault & Others) This act would remove some of the restrictions on post-retirement re-employment of public employees. Finance

S-2155 **POST-RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT-TOWN TREASURER** (Lombardi & Kettle) 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. Judiciary

S-2366 **POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would increase the amount from eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) that retired state educators could earn in yearly compensation in their post-retirement, before their retirement benefits would be reduced. Finance

S-2820 **RETIRED TEACHERS-ADDITIONAL BENEFITS** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would provide for a stipend to be paid to certain retired state employees, municipal employees, and teachers or their beneficiaries during years when a cost of living adjustment is not scheduled. Finance

TOWN & CITY CLERKS

H-7080 **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. Corporations

H-7779 **HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES-ISSUANCE** (Donovan & Others) This act would remove the requirement that hunting and fishing licenses may be issued only by town and city clerks. Corporation

S-2091 **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. Judiciary

S-2093 **ELECTRONIC RECORDING** (Seveney & 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. This act would take effect on January 1, 2019. Judiciary

S-2145 **ELECTRONIC RECORDING** (Crowley) 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

S-2507 **HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES-ISSUANCE** (Seveney & Others) This act would remove the requirement that hunting and fishing licenses may be issued only by town and city clerks. Environment & Agriculture

MISCELLANEOUS

[H-7059](#) **BEACH USER FEES** (Lancia & Others) This act would eliminate user fees for access to any state beach. Finance

[H-7079](#) **TOWING OF VEHICLES** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would require that vehicles towed because of state or municipal laws be towed to a towing-storage facility closest to where the offense or accident occurred. Corporations

[H-7190](#) **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES-PRODUCE SCALES** (Chippendale and Winfield) This act would provide that sealers of weights and measures appointed by the cities and towns would receive the same fees as charged by state sealers who perform the same inspecting/testing services. Corporations

[H-7286](#) **OPEN MEETINGS- AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS** (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-7287](#) **OPEN MEETINGS- AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS** (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-7349](#) **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Roberts & Others) This act would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

[H-7365](#) **MUNICIPAL STREETLIGHTS- MALFUNCTIONING EQUIPMENT DEDUCTIONS** (Vella-Wilkinson and Others) This act would allow municipalities a deduction from the electric rate tariff relating to streetlights not providing lighting due to capping or malfunction. Corporations

[H-7384](#) **BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS** (Amore & Others) This act would require that all persons serving on boards and commissions appointed by the governor have a connection to the state through residence or licensure. Judiciary

[H-7423](#) **SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS-LICENSING** (Edwards & Others) This act would repeal the licensing requirements for certain shows or exhibitions occurring on Sundays with certain designated cities and/or towns. Corporations

[H-7435](#) **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 to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

[H-7440](#) **BRIDGES-FASTENING OF VESSELS** (Edwards & Others) This act would repeal several criminal offenses pertaining to three (3) bridges, including the Crawford Street Bridge, the Apponaug River Bridge, and the Pawtuxet Falls Bridge. Judiciary

H-7465 **ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS** (Filippi & Others) This act would require government officials to convert all data, electronic or otherwise, retained in compliance with the access to public records act, into a form readily and easily retrievable to enable them to comply with a records request. Judiciary

H-7507 **SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS** (Edwards & Others) This act would amend § 5-22-12, thereby removing the authority of the city or town council, bureau of licenses or board of police commissioners to revoke any license issued for amusements, performances and/or movies on Sunday. Judiciary

H-7524 **PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS** (Regunberg & 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

H-7526 **VOTER ELIGIBILITY** (Amore & Others) This act would allow individuals, who have not reached the age of eighteen (18) years, to vote in a primary election, if the voter will be eighteen (18) as of the date of the general or special election. Judiciary

H-7592 **INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PROCESS** (Perez & Others) Joint Resolution to approve and publish and submit to the electors a proposition of amendment to the constitution of the state creating an initiative and referendum process. Judiciary

H-7601 **ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS** (Craven & Others) This act would revise 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

H-7717 **OPEN MEETINGS** (Craven & O'Brien) 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

H-7747 **VACANCY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY** (Fellela & Others) This act would enable a chief executive of a town or city to appoint a representative or senator to a vacant seat in the general assembly until a special election is held. Judiciary

H-7771 **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES-FIREWOOD AND CHARCOAL** (Edwards & Others) This act would repeal the provision of the general laws that require baskets of charcoal be sealed by the sealer of weights and measures of the town where the person so using the basket resides, or of the town where the charcoal is measured for sale. Municipal Government

H-7772 **INSPECTORS OF SALERATUS, BICARBONATE OF SODA, CREAM OF TARTAR** (Edwards & Others) This act would repeal sections of the general laws that require city and town councils to appoint an inspector or saleratus, bicarbonate of soda, and cream of tartar in order to test for adulterated products, and eliminates the fine for any person selling such adulterated product. Municipal Government

H-7775 **EXCAVATION NEAR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES** (Solomon & Others) This act would require public utilities and municipalities to coordinate their construction activities to lessen inconvenience to the public and save money. Corporations

H-7817 **PROTECTION OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS** (Ucci & Others) This act would require all state, municipal, and quasi-public departments to protect information contained in their computer systems by complying with the criteria set forth in a publication (800-171) by the US Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). The departments would have eighteen (18) months after passage of the act to comply. Further, the act would exempt all discussion and activity from the open meetings law. Finance

H-7879 **PUBLIC RECORDS-DATA CONVERSION** (Filippi & Others) This act would require government officials to convert all electronic data retained in compliance with the access to public records act, into a form readily and easily retrievable to enable them to comply with a records request. Judiciary

H-7949 **PUBLIC WORKS DEFINED** (Edwards & Others) This act would amend the definition of public works so that it would include any public works projects performed for any city or town or quasi-municipal entity and the state and any quasi-state entity. Municipal Government

H-7936 **AUTOMATED SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY SYSTEMS** (Filippi & Others) This act would require the cities and towns to place funds generated from automated school-zone-speed-enforcement systems in a state operated restricted receipt account for school safety programs. Finance

H-7957 **INJURIES TO ROAD SIGNS** (Edwards & Others) This act would repeal the criminal prohibition against painting, printing or affixing advertisements to signs and billboards within limits of public highways without the written consent of the chief of police of the city or town in which the highway is located. Judiciary

H-7973 **SEIZURE OF ANIMALS CRUELLY TREATED** (Ackerman & Others) This act would establish a new chapter entitled "seizure of animals being cruelly treated." This new chapter would authorize the Rhode Island state veterinarian, the general agent of the Rhode Island SPCA, and law enforcement officers to take charge and possession of an animal found abandoned or neglected, and to proceed to provide all necessary care and treatment for the animal. The act would also authorize the person seizing the animal to file a petition in district court pertaining to the permanent custody of the animal. The owner(s) of the animal may then either surrender custody of the animal or post a bond to cover the costs of caring for the animal while it is in state care, pending resolution of the district court petition. H.E.W.

H-7984 **AUTOMATED SCHOOL-ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS** (Perez & Others) This act would provide that signage for automated school-zone-speed-enforcement systems include lights, limits hours of operation to 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and sets the fine at thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) payable in thirty (30) days. Judiciary

H-7998 **MAINTENANCE OF TOWN & STATE HIGHWAYS** (Fellela & Others) This act would require that any altered roadway be restored to the same or better condition than that which 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. Finance

H-8005 **AUTOMATED SCHOOL-ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS** (Williams & Others) This act would require the use of yellow, flashing school zone speed signs and require written warning citations for first offenses, a fine up to forty-five dollars (\$45) for second offenses and referral to the traffic tribunal for all subsequent offenses. Judiciary

H-8021 **NET METERING** (Marshall & Others) This act would allow a public entity, educational institution, hospital, nonprofit, or multi-municipal collaborative to participate in net metering without having to own the land on which the net metering resource is situated. Finance

H-8128 **SPECIAL SOLICITATION PERMITS** (Lima & Others) This act would provide that no person shall pass any item to another person while located in an active lane of travel without a special solicitation permit issued by the city or town. Judiciary

S-2014 **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Raptakis & Others) This act would establish an office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds, regardless of whether funds are from the state, federal or local governments. The inspector general would oversee all state programs and operations as well as the procurement of supplies by state agencies. Government Ethics & Oversight

S-2150 **TOWING OF VEHICLES** (Ciccone & Lombardi) This act would require that vehicles towed because of state or municipal laws be towed to a towing-storage facility closest to where the offense or accident occurred. Judiciary

S-2172 **RELOCATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY POLES** (Fogarty & Nessler) This act would require that all costs incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation public utility poles during public works projects within municipal rights-of-way be borne by the public utility. Commerce

S-2331 **PUBLIC UTILITIES-INTERFERENCE WITH CONSTRUCTION** (Coyne & Others) This act would extend the co-operation requirement public utilities have by law with contractors involved in state construction projects to municipal, political subdivisions and other quasi-governmental agencies. Commerce

S-2422 **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-2480 **OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Algiere & Others) This act would establish the office of inspector general as an independent administrative agency charged with the responsibility to investigate, detect, and prevent fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Government Ethics and Oversight

S-2501 **PUBLIC STREET LIGHTING-COSTS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require the state to pay the energy costs necessary to supply public street lighting if the local utility district fails to do so. Commerce

S-2555 **SIDEWALKS ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS** (Pearson & Others) This act would require the department of transportation to clear sidewalks of snow and ice on state roads for school bus stops along routes approve by the respective school committees and chief of police for each city and town. Housing & Municipal Government

S-2560 **NOTARIES PUBLIC** (Goodwin) This act would repeal the current state provisions regarding notaries and would adopt an adapted version of the "Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts." Judiciary

S-2587 **INTEREST AWARDS IN CIVIL ACTIONS** (Cote) This act would remove the exception to the one hundred thousand-dollar (\$100,000) limitation of damages when the state is engaged in a proprietary function in the commission of a tort and would exempt the state and any city or town or fire district from interest awards in civil actions. Judiciary

S-2616 **OPEN MEETINGS-TECHNOLOGY** (McCaffrey & Others) 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-2688 **AUTOMATED SCHOOL-ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM** (Quezada & Others) This act would require the use of yellow, flashing school zone speed signs and require written warning citations for first offenses, a fine up to forty-five dollars (\$45) for second offenses and referral to the traffic tribunal for all subsequent offenses. Judiciary

S-2711 **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES-FIREWOOD AND CHARCOAL** (Paolino & Others) This act would repeal the provision of the general laws that require baskets of charcoal be sealed by the sealer of weights and measures of the town where the person so using the basket resides, or of the town where the charcoal is measured for sale. Judiciary

S-2714 **BRIDGES-FASTENING OF VESSELS** (Paolino & Others) This act would repeal several criminal offenses pertaining to three (3) bridges, including the Crawford Street Bridge, the Apponaug River Bridge, and the Pawtuxet Falls Bridge. Judiciary

S-2723 **INSPECTORS OF SALERATUS, BICARBONATE OF SODA, CREAM OF TARTAR** (Edwards & Others) This act would repeal sections of the general laws that require city and town councils to appoint an inspector or saleratus, bicarbonate of soda, and cream of tartar in order to test for adulterated products, and eliminates the fine for any person selling such adulterated product. Judiciary

S-2726 **SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS** (Paolino & Others) This act would amend § 5-22-12, thereby removing the authority of the city or town council, bureau of licenses or board of police commissioners to revoke any license issued for amusements, performances and/or movies on Sunday. Judiciary

S-2800 **PUBLIC MEETINGS-AUDIO & VIDEO RECORDINGS** (Morgan & 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. Judiciary

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