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CODE ENFORCEMENT

H-5201 **PLAN REVIEW FEES** (Trillo & Others) This act would repeal the existing fee structure schedule for plan reviews performed by the State Fire Marshal's Office under the provisions of the Fire Safety Code. It would be replaced by a more simplified fee structure. Finance

H-5244 **WOOD BURNING STOVES** (Handy & Others) This act would require the phase-out of wood stoves without EPA certification in densely populated residential areas. Local fire authorities would have the responsibility to inspect wood stoves for an EPA certification label, and to issue notices of violations with copies sent to the local building inspector or building official. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5347 **RAMPS FOR DISABLED PERSONS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would permit ramps, lifts and other accommodation alternatives necessary for compliance with the provisions of the "Americans with Disabilities Act" (ADA) relating to accessibility as needed in the front, side or rear yards of existing structures, notwithstanding the provisions of any zoning ordinance to the contrary. Municipal Government

H-5392 **FIRE INSPECTIONS** (Trillo & Ucci) This act would provide that once a building owner corrects all nonwaived deficiencies identified through an inspection performed under the Fire Safety Code, then the building would be exempt from inspections for a period of 10 years. Municipal Government

H-5593 **STATE BUILDING CODE** (Trillo & Others) This act would give local building officials the power to grant waivers from the state building code, and local fire chiefs would be held harmless if waivers from state building code standards are granted. Corporations

H-5707 **PLACES OF ASSEMBLY** (Gallison & Others) This act would reduce the number of required inspections and tests of fire alarms, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors in buildings other than nightclubs and places of entertainment from 4 times per year to 2 times per year. Municipal Government

H-5732 **CESSPOOL REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT** (Tanzi & Others) This act would require that all cesspools be removed and replaced with an ISDS system or connected to a public sewer system within 12 months from the date of the sale of the property or in accordance with the schedule previously established by this section of the general laws (23-19.15-6). Environment & Natural Resources

H-5897 **ABANDONED PROPERTY** (Coderre & Others) This act would clarify and expand the types of proceedings in which injunctive or other relief may be granted in matters involving violation of the "State Building Code" and the "Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code". Judiciary

H-6031 CESSPOOLS (Tanzi & Others) This act would amend the law on cesspools by updating the terminology of "Individual Sewage Disposal System" (ISDS) to that of "Onsite Wastewater Treatment System" (OWTS). Moreover, with the exception of family transfers, any cesspool used in a building subject to sale or transfer must be replaced with an OWTS or connected to a public sewer system within 12 months of the date of sale or transfer. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6322 STATEWIDE PERMITTING (O'Brien & Others) This act would establish a Municipal Advisory Council on Statewide Permitting which would be composed of one representative designated by each city/town council in the state. The purpose of the council would be to develop recommendations to establish a statewide process for electronic plan review, permit management, and inspection as required by the State Building Code. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6323 CODE CONSISTENCY COUNCIL (Kazarian & Others) This act would create a "Code Consistency Council" which purpose it would be to examine areas within the Building Code, Fire Code, Elevator Code, and other codes that overlap or conflict, and to make recommendations to resolve any inconsistencies. Corporations

S-121 OUTDOOR WOOD-FIRED HYDRONIC HEATERS (Walaska & McCaffrey) This act would regulate the sale and installation of outdoor wood-fired hydronic heaters. Local building officials would have the authority to enforce provisions regarding types of heaters, manner of installation, and permitted fuel. Environment & Agriculture

S-202 ABANDONED PROPERTY (Doyle & Others) This act would clarify and expand the types of proceedings in which injunctive or other relief may be granted in matters involving violation of the "State Building Code" and the "Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code". Housing & Municipal Government

S-373 ELECTRICAL PERMITS (Raptakis) This act would create a waiver of any municipal rules, regulations or ordinances requiring the issuance of an electrical permit for and/or inspection of electrical work resulting from the interruption of electrical service during a state or local declaration of a state of emergency or disaster. Judiciary

S-697 PLAN REVIEW FEES (Lynch & Others) This act provides that 15% of plan review fees collected by the Division of State Fire Marshal would be deposited in a restricted receipt account to retain the services of licensed professionals, and to support the training and education requirements of the Division. Housing & Municipal Government

S-757 STATEWIDE PERMITTING (Sosnowski & Others) This act would establish a Municipal Advisory Council on Statewide Permitting which would be composed of one representative designated by each city/town council in the state. The purpose of the council would be to develop recommendations to establish a statewide process for electronic plan review, permit management, and inspection as required by the State Building Code. Housing & Municipal Government

S-761 **CODE CONSISTENCY COUNCIL** (Fogarty & Others) This act would create a "Code Consistency Council" which purpose it would be to examine areas within the Building Code, Fire Code, Elevator Code, and other codes that overlap or conflict, and to make recommendations to resolve any inconsistencies. Housing & Municipal Government

S-838 **RAMPS FOR DISABLED PERSONS** (Walaska & Others) This act would permit ramps, lifts and other accommodation alternatives necessary for compliance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) relating to accessibility as needed in the front, side or rear yards of existing structures, including those which have been built-out or converted to commercial uses, notwithstanding the provisions of any zoning ordinance to the contrary. Housing & Municipal Government

S-1045 **STATEWIDE PERMITTING** (Sosnowski) This resolution requests that the Director of the Department of Administration establish a "Municipal Advisory Council on Statewide Permitting". Consent Calendar

EDUCATION & SCHOOLS

H-5004 **BOARD OF EDUCATION** (Azzinaro & Others) This act would delay the establishment of the Rhode Island Board of Education until July 1, 2013. The Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Governors for Higher Education would remain in full force and effect until July 1, 2013. Finance

H-5055 **LOCAL PUPIL COSTS** (Walsh & Others) This act would provide that the funds appropriated by the state for local pupil share of costs shall be paid by the district of residence only when the charter public schools and the Met Center are performing at a higher level than that of the student's comparable district school of enrollment. Finance

H-5066 **NOTICE OF DISMISSAL** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would amend the notification requirements regarding the dismissal, suspension or lay-off of teachers in the event of a fiscal exigency or program reorganization by extending the notification date from March 1st to June 1st. Labor

H-5068 **GUARDS AT SCHOOL BUILDINGS** (Corvese & Others) This act would require all school buildings to have a guard on duty as appointed by the various school committees. Municipal Government

H-5090 **CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Silva) This act would change the formula used in granting state aid for reimbursement of charter public school housing costs. Finance

H-5102 **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES** (Blazejewski & Others) This act would allow the parents of children with educational disabilities, who are the prevailing party, to recover their attorney and expert witness fees when they prevail in an adjudicatory proceeding or superior court action in matters governing the education of their child with disabilities. Also this act would allow the state or a local education agency to recover reasonable attorneys' fees as a prevailing party at the court's discretion in certain defined circumstances. Judiciary

H-5118 EMERGENCY GLUCAGON ADMINISTRATION (Kennedy & Others) This act would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Department of Health to incorporate into their rules and regulations procedures for addressing incidents of diabetic shock in children. A procedure would be included for parents to authorize the administration of glucagon in case of an emergency. H.E.W.

H-5127Aaa 2014 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 13 EDUCATION AID This article would amend sections of the general laws dealing with "Computation of school housing aid" (16-7-41), and "Eligibility for reimbursement" (16-7-41.1). Also, it provides that the City of Central Falls would be considered an "educational institution" for purposes of financing or refinancing school facilities through the issuance of bonds. Finance

H-5138 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Finn & Others) This act would allow school districts to assess students reasonable fees for participation in extracurricular school activities such as sports, clubs, and bands. The act also would allow school departments and school committees to accept grants, gifts and donations from various specified entities. H.E.W.

H-5152A FIRE, EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN DRILLS (Gallison & Others) This act would establish greater detail and specifications regarding the type, manner, and frequency of fire and evacuation drills in educational facilities. H.E.W.

H-5167 TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS (McLaughlin & Others) This act would require the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to grant a variance to require a city/town to provide bus transportation to a pupil, if the transportation is necessary for the pupil to enroll in a charter or vocational school located outside of the region. Finance

H-5184 POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND FUNDRAISING (Newberry & Others) This act would provide that no campaign materials, including literature, paraphernalia, and buttons, relative to any campaign for election to public office be displayed or distributed on school property, or sent home with the pupils. It also would prohibit fundraising for political campaigns in the building or on the grounds of any public school. Judiciary

H-5186 TEACHERS' TENURE (Guthrie) This act would amend the situations in which a school board could suspend or layoff teachers by including program reduction or elimination or budget reduction as reasons. Also, this act would move the notification date from March 1st to May 15th. Labor

H-5203 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (Canario & Others) This act would limit the amount by which schools, both public and private, providing special education services to students from other districts could increase their fees for providing these services. The increase in charges must not be in excess of the maximum levy which a municipality may increase its tax rate or levy pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 44-5 ("Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes"). Finance

H-5228 SUGAR-SWEETENED BEVERAGES (Ajello & Others) This act would impose a sugar-sweetened beverage tax on distributors, manufacturers, or wholesalers who sell these products within the state. All sums from this tax must be allocated to the Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund established by this legislation. At least 75% of this fund would be awarded annually through a competitive grant process to municipalities and community based organizations. Finance

H-5229 CRIMINAL RECORDS REVIEW (McNamara & Others) This act would require that individuals, who are current or prospective volunteers of a private school or public school department and who may have direct and unmonitored contact with children and/or students on school premises, undergo a state criminal background check. H.E.W.

H-5252 TEACHERS' ADVISORY COUNCIL (McNamara & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Teachers' Advisory Council which purpose it would be to provide a streamlined communication mechanism between teachers and the State Board of Education. H.E.W.

H-5255 STUDENT SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY (Kennedy & Others) This act would establish "Social Media Privacy Acts" to protect both students and employees, including those employed by the state and its municipalities. Judiciary

H-5275 RESIDENCY OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Naughton & Others) This act would provide that licensed child placement agencies and state governmental agencies would promote the educational stability of children in foster care by considering the child's school attendance area when making placement decisions. More specifically, the act would provide that a student who is in foster care would have the right to attend school in a district where the student previously resided, if such placement was deemed by the family court to be in the pupil's best interest. H.E.W.

H-5277 ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE (Naughton & Others) This act would provide that notifications in writing must be provided to parents or guardians of students identified as performing "significantly below proficient" on any state assessment. This act also provides that no state assessment or standardized testing program would be used to determine a student's eligibility to graduate from high school. H.E.W

H-5318 JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENTS (Ruggiero & Others) This act would authorize school committees to enter into agreements with other school committees, colleges and universities, and the Rhode Island Association of School Committees to jointly provide administrative functions and services pertaining to public schools. H.E.W.

H-5320 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER STAFFING (Kazarian & Others) This act would require in grades kindergarten through 12 that all public schools be assigned at least one full-time certified school social worker for every 400 students. H.E.W.

H-5340 SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION (Williams & Others) This act would expand the scope of the binding arbitration process to include monetary issues, and also would streamline the actual binding arbitration process itself under the "Certified School Teachers' Arbitration Act". Provisions covering arbitration for non-teacher and non-certified employees would be newly added to this chapter. Labor

H-5342 RATIFICATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS (Morgan & Others) This act would repeal the so-called "Caruolo Act". This act would provide that city/town councils must ratify collective bargaining agreements negotiated by school committees for them to become effective. Labor

H-5359 SCHOOL AID: TRANSITION PLAN (Ackerman & Others) This act would accelerate the transition plan for calculating state aid to education. The act specifically accelerates the amount paid (100%) to those local educational agencies which receive more than the education aid they were receiving as of the effective date of the school funding formula, but keeps the transition plan in place for those districts receiving less education aid. Finance

H-5375 SCHOOL SYSTEM ENROLLMENT WITH DCYF PLACEMENT (Newberry) This act would require that, when a child is placed in DCYF custody, the child's current school system cannot be changed to a new school system until the medical and academic records are provided to the new school system. H.E.W.

H-5376 CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION TRAINING (McNamara & Others) This act would establish minimum guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation training (CPR) for public school students. H.E.W.

H-5377 USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES (Naughton & Others) This act would encourage school committees to allow public use of indoor and outdoor school property during non-school hours for recreation or sport. The act would limit the liability of the school committee and municipality for claims of loss and injury arising from such use. H.E.W.

H-5389 SCHOOL TEACHER: JUDICIAL RESOLUTION PROCESS (Dickinson) This act would extend the notification requirements for the dismissal, suspension or layoff of teachers from March 1 to April 1. This act also would create a judicial resolution process as an avenue to avoid teacher strikes. This process is essentially a replacement for the current arbitration method. Labor

H-5405 POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT (Winfield) This act would increase to \$25,000 per year the maximum gross pay any member who retired under Titles 16, 36 or 45 of the general laws may earn if employed or reemployed by any state school on a part-time basis. The current maximum is \$15,000 per year. Finance

H-5415 RETIRED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS (Gallison & Others) This act would provide that, if a retired public school teacher does not have sufficient Social Security credits to qualify for Medicare, the state shall pay for the Part A Medicare premiums. Finance

H-5420 **FIRE, EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN DRILLS** (Nunes & Others) This act would establish specifications regarding the number and timing of fire and lockdown drills in educational facilities. H.E.W.

H-5421 **BOARD OF EDUCATION** (Ajello & Others) This act would establish an Elementary and Secondary Student Advisory Council to the Board of Education consisting of one elected high school representative from each public secondary school. It also would add 2 ex-officio nonvoting student members, one college level and one high school level, to the Board of Education. H.E.W.

H-5441 **TEACHER EVALUATION** (O'Brien & Others) This act would provide that the standards for evaluation of certified teaching personnel would continue to be under the local control of the municipal school committee, and that the method and process for the evaluation of certified teachers would continue to be a subject matter for collective bargaining. The act also would provide that student growth and achievement would count for not more than one-third of a teacher's total final rating. Labor

H-5466 **REGIONALIZATION BONUS** (Marshall & Others) This act would continue the regionalization bonus for regionalized school districts for a third fiscal year and beyond. Finance

H-5537 **CRIMINAL RECORDS REVIEW** (MacBeth & Others) This act would require that anyone seeking to volunteer in a private or public school department, who has not volunteered during the last 12 months, would undergo a national and state criminal background check prior to the commencement of the volunteer work. H.E.W.

H-5551 **RESIDENCY OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES** (Phillips & Others) This act would make the Department of Children, Youth and Families responsible for school transportation costs when a child is placed in a different school district by the department. Finance

H-5574 **THREATS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY** (Amore & Others) This act would establish a separate felony for making a threat to commit serious bodily harm to persons on school property. Judiciary

H-5617 **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION** (Edwards & Others) This act would strengthen the safety standards which must be adhered to prior to using properties previously used for industrial or manufacturing purposes to construct schools. This act also would mandate that the properties meet the standards set by the Department of Environmental Management as residential use requirements. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5649A **SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDY COMMISSION** (MacBeth & Others) This act would establish a Joint Legislative Study Commission on Educational Due Process and Special Education Due Process which purpose it would be to study commissioner hearings and special education due process hearings. H.E.W.

H-5652 INTERNET FILTERING IN SCHOOLS (Handy & Others) This act would mandate each school district to adopt a written policy that addresses the use of Internet filtering measures for computer access in schools. H.E.W.

H-5657 SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS EDUCATION (Johnston & Others) This act would mandate courses of study for pupils in grades kindergarten through 8 who will receive instruction designed to prevent the abduction, exploitation, or sexual abuse of children. H.E.W.

H-5659 KNIVES ON SCHOOL GROUNDS (MacBeth & Others) This act would prohibit the possession on school grounds of knives of any length which have the capability to cut or stab another. Judiciary

H-5670 PUBLIC RECORDS (O'Grady & Others) This act would exempt individually identifiable evaluations of public school teachers and administrators made pursuant to state or federal law or regulation from the definition of what constitutes a public record. Judiciary

H-5704 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Newberry) This act would provide that for retired members of the teachers' retirement system the cost to maintain their life insurance benefit would be the actual annual cost to the municipality rather than the cost at the time of their retirement. Municipal Government

H-5743 SCHOOL HOUSING PROJECT COSTS (Keable & Newberry) This act would provide that, if a municipality or local education agency has an A rating or better with any of the primary rating agencies, the municipality or LEA will be able to issue and sell their bonds on the open market without the need for general assembly approval or having the bonds issued by the R. I. Health and Education Building Corporation. Finance

H-5754 SCHOOL DISCIPLINE (Tanzi & Others) This act would direct the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a method to analyze data regarding the imposition of school discipline, focusing on whether the discipline imposed has a disproportionate impact on students based on race or ethnicity. H.E.W.

H-5757 USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES (Naughton & Others) This act would encourage school committees to allow public use of indoor and outdoor school property for recreation or sport. The act would limit the liability of the school committee and municipality for claims of loss and injury arising from such use. H.E.W.

H-5759 CHARTER SCHOOLS (Carnevale & Others) This act would provide that lotteries for student selection into district charter schools may occur in stages, and, if a neighborhood school, the school must describe the geographic student attendance zone, and the role of the neighborhood residence in the admissions process. H.E.W.

H-5760 SCHOOL GRANTS AND GIFTS (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would allow all school departments or school committees in the state to accept donations, gifts and grants which must be utilized pursuant to the express terms stipulated by the donation. H.E.W.

H-5762 SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTING COMPLIANCE (Casey & Others) This act would require the uniform system of accounting used by all school committees to include a standardized budget process which must include at least 3 years of data. H.E.W.

H-5782 DIVIDED HIGHWAYS (Johnston & Others) This act would clarify the meaning of "divided highway" as any highway that has been divided into 2 roadways by leaving an 'unpaved' intervening space or by a physical barrier. This act also would allow the driver of a motor vehicle to not stop upon meeting a school bus when a highway is a "divided highway".
Judiciary

H-5817A CHILD CARE VEHICLES (Diaz & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that child care vehicles be equipped with an approved Emergency Airway Kit mounted in an accessible area, but would maintain the requirement that an Emergency Airway Kit be provided, although now unmounted, for child care and school extracurricular vehicles. It also would add a definition for "Family child care home vehicle". H.E.W.

H-5895 PUBLIC RECORDS (Ucci & Others) This act would exclude from the definition of what constitutes 'public records' documents prepared by school districts to be used in protecting the safety of students from potential and actual threats of widespread catastrophes.
Judiciary

H-5911 MAYORAL ACADEMIES (Palumbo & Others) This act would provide that a "Mayoral Academy" charter school's application shall not be approved by the Board of Education unless the school committee and the city/town council of each included municipality also supported the application. H.E.W.

H-5940 SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS (McNamara & Others) This act would require school committees to submit their annual review and update of school safety plans and school emergency response plans by July 1st of each year. H.E.W.

H-5941 SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS (McNamara & Others) This act would require all school districts to conduct school safety assessments in conjunction with local police and fire departments. It also would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to collaborate with various agencies in developing a model school safety plan to be consulted by school safety teams. H.E.W.

H-6022 URBAN COLLABORATIVE (McNamara) This act would mandate that the Urban Collaborative would be treated as a school district in order to be eligible to receive other aids, grants, and Medicaid revenue to benefit its students. Finance

H-6023 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (Chippendale & Others) This act would authorize cities/towns to have a school resource officer in every public school. The school resource officer would be a member and employee of the police department which serves the school, which department also would provide funding for the resource officers. H.E.W.

H-6062 PERMITS FOR WORK BY CHILDREN (Ackerman & Others) This act would remove the prohibition on school committees from issuing work permits to children who are 14 years of age for employment in factories or manufacturing establishments. It also would now allow children 16 years of age or older to participate in any manufacturing or industrial apprenticeship or internship provided the program complies with career and technical education regulations. Labor

H-6076 TEACHERS' TENURE (Serpa & Others) This act would grant teachers who have attained tenure status an unpaid leave of absence when appointed to certain administrative positions without losing tenure status. This leave of absence shall not exceed 3 years. These leaves would not be deemed to be an interruption of service for the purposes of seniority and teacher retirement. Labor

H-6131 PARENTAL CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ACT (Coderre & Corvese) This act would create the Parental Choice Scholarship Program Act. It would allow parents of an eligible student to qualify for a scholarship for their child to enroll in and attend a participating school. Finance

H-6159 TRAINING SCHOOL FOR YOUTH (Dickinson & McNamara) This act would require that students who are sentenced to the Rhode Island Training School for Youth (RITSY) remain enrolled in their municipal system of origin or "sending district". This act also would provide that these students are also deemed enrolled in the RITSY, thus setting up a dual enrollment status. H.E.W.

H-6244 SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAMS (Handy & Cimini) This resolution requests the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to review state regulations related to the nutritional content of school breakfast and lunch programs. Read and Passed

H-6290 DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT (O'Brien & Marshall) This act would provide for the establishment of a dual enrollment policy that would enable high school students to take courses at colleges and universities. Students so enrolled would receive credits towards their high school graduation, and would also gain credits at the college or university they are attending. School districts must adopt this policy by June 30, 2014. H.E.W.

H-6291 LOCALLY-GROWN PRODUCE (Naughton & Others) This act would make the school health and wellness subcommittee of each district responsible for implementing strategies to promote purchasing and serving locally-grown fruit, vegetables, and dairy products. H.E.W.

H-6333 PURCHASE AND USE OF TEXTBOOKS (O'Brien & Amore) This joint resolution reinstate the life and extend the reporting and expiration dates of the Special Legislative Commission to Study the Purchase and Use of Textbooks in Public Schools. H.E.W.

S-2 BOARD OF EDUCATION (Gallo & Others) This act would extend the transition period for restructuring the newly created Board of Education from an effective date of January 1, 2013, to March 7, 2013. Immediate Consideration

S-12 DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF SEX (Gallo & Others) This act would permit schools to provide activities for students of one sex (for example father-daughter / mother-son activities) provided that reasonably comparative activities are provided for students of the other sex. Education

S-13 LOCAL PUPIL COSTS (Algiere & Rumsey) This act would provide that the funds appropriated by the state for local pupil costs shall be paid by the district of residence only when the charter public schools and the Met Center are performing at a higher level than that of the student's comparable district school of enrollment. Education

S-14Aaa FIRE, EVACUATION AND LOCKDOWN DRILLS (DiPalma & Others) This act would establish greater detail and specifications regarding the type, manner, and frequency of fire and evacuation drills in educational facilities. Education

S-49 NOTICE OF DISMISSAL (DiPalma & Others) This act would amend the notification requirements regarding the dismissal, suspension or lay-off of teachers in the event of a fiscal exigency or program reorganization by extending the notification date from March 1st to June 1st. Labor

S-112 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (DiPalma) This act would allow school districts to assess students reasonable fees for participation in extracurricular school activities such as sports, clubs, and bands. The act also would allow school departments and school committees to accept grants, gifts and donations from various specified entities. Education

S-113 MUSICAL PERFORMANCE EDUCATION (Picard) This act would require that all children attending secondary public schools, or any other secondary schools managed or controlled by the state, have available to them in these schools instruction in musical performance education. Education

S-114 SCHOOL BUS MONITORS (Picard and Pearson) This act would remove the requirement that bus monitors, in addition to the bus drivers, be on school buses by allowing school committees to have discretion to utilize, authorize, or employ school bus monitors. Education

S-115 BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (Hodgson & Others) This act would extend the transition period for restructuring the newly created Board of Education from an effective date of January 1, 2013, to March 7, 2013, and upon approval of a final plan for the permanent administrative structure for elementary, secondary, and higher education by the General Assembly and the Governor. Education

S-116 **SCHOOL YEAR** (Picard) This act would allow school districts to use longer school days to educate students, and to do so in less than 180 days as long as the total amount of school hours is a minimum of 1080 school hours per school year. Education

S-117 **ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE** (Metts & Others) This act would provide that notifications in writing must be provided to parents or guardians of students identified as performing “significantly below proficient” on any state assessment. This act also provides that no state assessment or standardized testing would be used to determine a student’s eligibility to graduate from high school. Education

S-118 **TEACHERS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL** (Gallo & Others) This act would establish the Rhode Island Teachers’ Advisory Council which purpose it would be to provide a streamlined communication mechanism between teachers and the State Board of Education . Education

S-144 **CRIMINAL RECORDS REVIEW** (Picard & Pearson) This act would require that anyone seeking to volunteer in a private or public school department, who has not volunteered during the last 12 months, would undergo a national and state criminal background check prior to the commencement of the volunteer work. Judiciary

S-150 **TEACHERS’ RIGHT TO WORK** (Kettle) This act would enact the “Teachers’ Right to Work Act”, which makes union membership and the payment of union dues voluntary. Each teacher would have the right to bargain independently with the employing educational institution or school system Labor

S-176 **ADVERTISING SPACE ON SCHOOL BUSES** (Gallo & Others) This act would authorize school committees to sell advertising space on school buses. Education

S-180 **SCHOOL AID: LOW-INCOME HOUSING** (Picard) This act would amend the formula for calculation of the permanent foundation education aid to school districts. This act would make an adjustment based upon the number of students residing in qualified low-income housing. Finance

S-188 **SCHOOL AID: TRANSITION PLAN** (Pearson & Others) This act would accelerate the transition plan for state aid to education. The act specifically accelerates the amounts (100%) paid to those local educational agencies which receive more than the education aid the local education agency was receiving as of the effective date of the school funding formula, but keeps the transition plan in place for those districts receiving less education aid. Finance

S-191 **CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Doyle & Others) This act would change the formula used in granting state aid for reimbursement of charter public school housing costs. Finance

S-219 POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND FUNDRAISING (Bates & Others) This act would provide that no campaign materials, including literature, paraphernalia, and buttons, relative to any campaign for election to public office be displayed or distributed on school property, or sent home with the pupils. It also would prohibit fundraising for political campaigns in the building or on the grounds of any public school. Judiciary

S-262 SCHOOL HOUSING AID (Pearson & Picard) This act would provide that, if a community's school department undertakes repairs eligible for school housing aid reimbursement and funds such repairs from the school district's budget, as opposed to the community's municipal budget, then the reimbursement aid would be paid directly to the school department. Finance

S-311 RESIDENCY OF CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES (Cool Rumsey & Others) This act would provide that licensed child placement agencies and state governmental agencies would promote the educational stability of children in foster care by considering the child's school attendance area when making placement decisions. More specifically, the act would provide that a student who is in foster care would have the right to attend school in a district where the student previously resided, if such placement was deemed by the family court to be in the pupil's best interest. Education

S-312 MAYORAL ACADEMIES (Lombardi & Others) This act would provide that a "Mayoral Academy" charter school's application shall not be approved by the Board of Education unless the school committee and the city/town council of each included municipality also supported the application. Education

S-318 CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION TRAINING (Doyle & Others) This act would establish minimum guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation training (CPR) for public school students. Health & Human Services

S-331 OPEN MEETINGS: SCHOOL COMMITTEES (Raptakis & Others) This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the publication requirements regarding their meetings through publication on a website maintained by the school committee as well as by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district. Publication either in a newspaper and/or in the electronic format is deemed sufficient. Judiciary

S-332 CRIMINAL RECORDS REVIEW (McCaffrey) This act would exempt persons mentoring students as part of a student proficiency-based graduation requirement or a student internship associated with a student's academic program from the requirement of criminal records review. Judiciary

S-335 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (Gallo & Others) This act would allow the parents of children with educational disabilities, who are the prevailing party, to recover their attorney and expert witness fees when they prevail in an adjudicatory proceeding or superior court action in matters governing the education of their child with disabilities. Also this act would allow the state or a local education agency to recover reasonable attorneys' fees as a prevailing party at the court's discretion in certain defined circumstances. Judiciary

S-347 CRIMINAL RECORDS REVIEW (McCaffrey) This act would require that individuals who are current or prospective volunteers of a private or public school department, and who may have direct and unmonitored contact with children and students on school premises undergo a state criminal background check. Judiciary

S-364 RESPONSIBLE CONTRACT RESOLUTION ACT (McCaffrey & Satchell) This act would provide procedures and timetables in the bargaining process between teachers and non-teacher employees and school committees. If an agreement cannot be reached then the parties would proceed to binding arbitration on unresolved issues including the expenditure of money. Certified public school teachers cannot participate in a strike. Labor

S-369 PUBLIC RECORDS (Lombardi & Others) This act would exclude from the definition of what constitutes 'public records' documents prepared by school districts to be used in protecting the safety of students from potential and actual threats of widespread catastrophes. Education

S-370 SCHOOL SYSTEM ENROLLMENT WITH DCYF PLACEMENT (O'Neill & Others) This act would require that, when a child is placed in DCYF custody, the child's current school system cannot be changed to a new school system until the medical and academic records are provided to the new school system. Education

S-440 USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES (DiPalma & Others) This act would encourage school committees to allow public use of indoor and outdoor school property for recreation or sport. The act would limit the liability of the school committee and municipality for claims of loss and injury arising from such use. Education

S-441 JOINT PURCHASING AGREEMENTS (DiPalma & Others) This act would authorize school committees to enter into agreements with other school committees, colleges, and the Rhode Island Association of School Committees to jointly provide administrative functions and services pertaining to public schools. Education

S-493 STUDENT SOCIAL MEDIA PRIVACY (Ruggerio & Others) This act would establish "Social Media Privacy Acts" to protect both students and employees, including those employed by the state and its municipalities. Judiciary

S-496 SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS EDUCATION (Doyle & Others) This act would mandate courses of study for pupils in grades kindergarten through 8 who will receive instruction designed to prevent the abduction, exploitation, or sexual abuse of children. Education

S-509 **SCHOOL DISCIPLINE** (Goodwin) This act would direct the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a method to analyze data regarding the imposition of school discipline, focusing on whether the discipline imposed has a disproportionate impact on students based on race or ethnicity. Education

S-510 **SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTING COMPLIANCE** (Jabour & Others) This act would require the Board of Education, at the request of the Commissioner, to hold a hearing on whether to authorize the Commissioner to withhold the distribution of state aid to a school district for its failure to install and maintain the uniform system of accounting. Education

S-513 **LOCALLY-GROWN PRODUCE** (Lombardo & Others) This act would make the school health and wellness subcommittee of each district responsible for implementing strategies to promote purchasing and serving locally-grown fruits, vegetables, and dairy products. Education

S-514 **SCHOOL FINANCES OR ACCOUNTING** (Hodgson) This act would amend the general powers and duties of school committees. The act also would add a member to the State Advisory Council on School Finances – the Chief of the Department of Revenue’s Division of Municipal Finance, which Division would conduct periodic reviews and analysis of school revenues and expenses. Also, the act would repeal the school committee’s right to seek additional appropriations by bringing an action in Superior Court. Education

S-520 **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION** (Pichardo) This act would strengthen the safety standards which must be adhered to prior to using properties previously used for industrial or manufacturing purposes to construct schools. This act also would mandate that the properties meet the standards set by the Department of Environmental Management as residential use requirements. Environment & Agriculture

S-523 **PUBLIC HOUSING STUDENTS** (Picard) This act would repeal the provisions of section 16-7-34.3 entitled “Reimbursement by the state for conventional public housing students”. This act would add similar language to section 16-7.2-6 to provide permanent foundation education aid funding for services and instructional programs for students residing in conventional public housing units owned by Public Housing Authorities. Finance

S-529 **SCHOOL MODERNIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION TRUST FUND** (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish the School Modernization and Reconstruction Trust Fund. The fund would be funded through the state sales and use taxes, as well as the local meals and beverage tax. The purpose of the fund would be to provide a new mechanism for funding building projects through the R.I. Health and Educational Building Corporation. Finance

S-530 **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS** (Pichardo & Crowley) This act would repeal a moratorium providing that the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education would not grant final approval for school construction projects between June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2014, except for projects that are necessitated by immediate health and safety reasons. Finance

S-600 DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT (McCaffrey & Others)
This act would provide for the establishment of a dual enrollment policy that would enable high school students to take courses at colleges and universities. Students so enrolled would receive credits towards their high school graduation, and would also gain credits at the college or university they are attending. School districts must adopt this policy by June 30, 2014.
Education

S-605 SCHOOL HOUSING PROJECT COSTS (Fogarty) This act would provide that, if a municipality or local education agency has an A rating or better with any of the primary rating agencies, the municipality or LEA will be able to issue and sell their bonds on the open market without the need for general assembly approval or having the bonds issued by the Rhode Island Health and Educational Building Corporation. Finance

S-639 DUAL ENROLLMENT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT (McCaffrey & Others)
This act would provide for the establishment of a dual enrollment policy that would enable high school students to take courses at colleges and universities. Students so enrolled would receive credits towards their high school graduation, and would also gain credits at the college or university they are attending. School districts must adopt this policy by June 30, 2014.
Education

S-661 DIVIDED HIGHWAYS (Felag & Others) This act would clarify the meaning of "divided highway", as any highway that has been divided into 2 roadways by leaving an 'unpaved' intervening space or by a physical barrier. This act also would allow the driver of a motor vehicle to not stop upon meeting a school bus when a highway is a "divided highway".
Judiciary

S-669 TEACHER EVALUATION (McCaffrey) This act would provide that the standards for evaluation of certified teaching personnel would continue to be under the local control of the municipal school committee, and that the method and process for the evaluation of certified teachers would continue to be a subject matter for collective bargaining. The act also would provide that student growth and achievement would count for not more than one-third of a teacher's total final rating. Education

S-687 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT (Bates) This act would provide that for retired members of the teachers' retirement system the cost to maintain their life insurance benefit would be the actual annual cost to the municipality rather than the cost at the time of their retirement. Education

S-767 PUBLIC RECORDS (Gallo & Others) This act would exempt individually identifiable evaluations of public school teachers and administrators made pursuant to state or federal law or regulation from the definition of what constitutes a public record. Judiciary

S-774 TEACHERS' TENURE (Ciccone) This act would amend the situations in which a school board could suspend or layoff teachers by including program reduction or elimination or budget reduction as reasons. Also, this act would move the notification date March 1st to May 15th. Labor

S-800 **SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS** (Gallo & Others) This act would require school committees to submit their annual review and update of school safety plans and school emergency response plans by July 1st of each year. Education

S-801 **SCHOOL SAFETY PLANS** (Gallo & Others) This act would require all school districts to conduct school safety assessments in conjunction with local police and fire departments. It also would require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to collaborate with various agencies in developing a model school safety plan to be consulted by school safety teams. Education

S-889 **TEACHERS' TENURE** (Lombardi & Others) This act would grant teachers who have attained tenure status an unpaid leave of absence when appointed to certain administrative positions without losing tenure status. This leave of absence shall not exceed 3 years. These leaves would not be deemed to be an interruption of service for the purposes of seniority and teacher retirement. Labor

S-939 **REGIONALIZATION BONUS** (Cool Rumsey & Others) This act would continue the regionalization bonus for regionalized school districts for a third fiscal year and beyond. Finance

S-950 **PERMITS FOR WORK BY CHILDREN** (Goodwin & Others) This act would remove the prohibition on school committees from issuing work permits to children who are 14 years of age for employment in factories or manufacturing establishments. It also would now allow children 16 years of age or older to participate in any manufacturing or industrial apprenticeship or internship provided the program complies with career and technical education regulations. Labor

S-968 **STUDENT PERFORMANCE** (Gallo & Others) This act would require the Department of Education to provide notice to parents of junior and senior students who have yet to meet the state assessment requirement for graduation, as well as teachers and administrators, regarding high school graduation standards and the process those students must follow to achieve the proficiency standards. The act also would require the Department to provide school districts with guidance as to support available to these students, to develop a state math assessment in other languages as an alternative test, and to encourage schools to provide students with volunteer assistance by engaging local higher education institutions. Education

S-970 **URBAN COLLABORATIVE** (Gallo & Others) This act would mandate that the Urban Collaborative would be treated as a school district in order to be eligible to receive other aids, grants, and Medicaid revenue to benefit its students. Finance

S-977 **PURCHASE AND USE OF TEXTBOOKS** (O'Neill & Others) This joint resolution would reinstate the life and extend the reporting and expiration dates of the Special Legislative Commission to Study the Purchase and Use of Textbooks in Public Schools. Consent Calendar

S-1013 **CHILD CARE VEHICLES** (Crowley) This act would eliminate the requirement that child care vehicles be equipped with an approved Emergency Airway Kit mounted in an accessible area, but would maintain the requirement that an Emergency Airway Kit be provided, although now unmounted, for child care and school extracurricular vehicles. It also would add a definition for "Family child care home vehicle". Judiciary

S-1035 **FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN** (Gallo) This act would expand the criteria to be considered by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education when selecting and approving school districts which will receive funding to assist in commencing a full-day kindergarten program. Education

S-1047 **STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT** (Gallo & Others) This joint resolution requests that the Board of Education reconsider the standardized assessment portion of the state graduation requirements and consider alternative methodologies. Senate Calendar

ELECTIONS

H-5040 **MAIL BALLOTS** (Messier & Others) This act would make numerous amendments to Chapter 17-20 entitled "Mail Ballots", including allowing all electors to vote by mail ballot without providing a reason for being eligible to do so. Judiciary

H-5072 **STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING** (Marcello & Others) This act would delete the option of straight party voting by means of a single mark in non-primary elections. Judiciary

H-5163 **NOMINATION PAPERS** (Martin & Abney) This act would provide that in a city the minimum number of signatures required on the nomination papers to run as a candidate for school committee would be at least 100 signatures. Judiciary

H-5253 **PROVISIONAL BALLOT REPORTING** (Tanzi & Others) This act would require every local board of canvassers to report to the State Board of Elections the number of provisional ballots cast in every primary, special or general election, including the number of those accepted and rejected after problems with identification verification have been resolved. Judiciary

H-5283 **RESIDENCE OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY** (Williams & Others) This act would create the "Residence of Those in Government Custody Act" in order to ensure that persons in government custody are counted at their actual residence for redistricting purposes. Judiciary

H-5484 **MAIL BALLOTS** (San Bento & Kennedy) This act would change the provisions for the time of receiving mail ballots by the Board of Elections from 9:00 p.m to 8:00 p.m. Mail ballots would not be counted unless they are received by the Board of Elections no later than 8:00 p.m. Judiciary

H-5486 **MAIL BALLOTS** (San Bento & Kennedy) This act would require that certifying envelopes containing mail ballots contain a statement noting that the Board of Elections must receive the mail ballot envelope not later than 8:00 p.m. the day of the election. The present law is 9:00 p.m. Judiciary

H-5487 **MAIL BALLOTS: OPENING AND COUNTING** (San Bento & Kennedy) This act would change the method required notices are given by the Board of Elections concerning sessions for opening and certifying mail ballots. Notices to the public would be given by announcements on the Board of Elections and Secretary of State websites rather than in newspapers of general circulation. Judiciary

H-5496 **COMPUTERS BALLOTS AND PARTY LEVERS** (Dickinson) This act would require the Board of Elections to program the voting equipment to prevent straight party voting by means of a single mark, and would require the Secretary of State to produce ballots that do not have the option to vote for a straight party ticket by means of a single mark. Judiciary

H-5500 **VALIDITY OF BALLOTS** (San Bento) This act would eliminate language that allows ballots to be valid when the intention of the voter is clearly indicated regardless of a defect in the marking of the ballot. Judiciary

H-5504 **RETURN OF UNUSED BALLOTS** (San Bento) This act would repeal the section of the general laws that makes it mandatory for every voter who received a mail ballot to return an unvoted ballot and its uncertified enclosing envelope to the Board of Elections or local board before 9:00 p.m. on election day. Judiciary

H-5565 **IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING** (Blazejewski & Others) This act would create a process which would make in-person early voting before the actual election day available to any registered voter. Judiciary

H-5567 **EMERGENCY MAIL BALLOTS** (Abney & Others) This act would allow voters to file emergency mail ballot applications with the requirement that the application contain a certificate setting forth the facts necessitating the application having been eliminated. Judiciary

H-5568A **EMERGENCY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATIONS** (Abney & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that a voter certify that the reason an application was made for an emergency mail ballot manifested itself 20 days or less prior to the election. Judiciary

H-5660 **CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS** (Ajello & Others) This act would make changes to various general law sections governing the conduct of elections. Changes would be made to the election recount process, and to the establishment of the validity of provisional ballots. It also would make the Board of Elections subject to the "Administrative Procedures Act". Also it provides that the Board of Elections must establish a risk-limiting audit pilot program in 5 or more cities/towns to improve the accuracy of election results. Judiciary

H-5672 **MAIL BALLOTS** (San Bento & Others) This act would allow recount of mail ballots, and the review of precinct cast ballots for voter intent only in cases when competent evidence of irregularities would support an order by the Board of Elections. Judiciary

H-5682 **VALIDITY OF BALLOTS** (San Bento & Others) This act would eliminate language that allows ballots to be valid when the intention of the voter is clearly indicated regardless of a defect in the marking of the ballot. Judiciary

H-5683 **IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would create a process which would make in-person early voting before the actual election day available to any registered voter. Judiciary

H-5771 **TIME OF CLOSING OF POLLS** (Ajello & Cimini) This act would eliminate the requirement that a person must be physically present within the voting building by 8:00 p.m. to be entitled to vote. Persons in line and outside of the building at the time of closure of the voting place would be entitled to vote. Judiciary

H-5776 **VOTER IDENTIFICATION** (Valencia & Others) This act would repeal the Voter Identification Law (section 17-19-24.2) in its entirety. Judiciary

H-5778 **STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING** (Marcello & Newberry) This act would delete the option of straight party voting by means of a single mark in non-primary elections. Judiciary

H-5781A **MAIL BALLOTS** (Blazejewski & Others) This act would require that mail ballots be returned to the Board of Elections by the time prescribed for closing of polling places in the individual municipalities. Judiciary

H-5783 **POLL WORKERS** (Edwards & Others) This act requires the Board of Elections to provide at least one training session to individuals assigned to work at poll locations. At this training session the Office of Secretary of State would provide an orientation on the voter identification requirements. Judiciary

H-5831 **VOTING DISTRICT MONITORS** (Amore & Ackerman) This act would add the position of district monitor to the list of election officials appointed by the local canvassing authority at least 35 days before a general election, and assigned only to polling places in excess of 1,900 eligible voters. It also would specify the duties to be performed by the district monitor. Judiciary

H-6041 **VOTER CHOICE STUDY COMMISSION** (Blazejewski) This act would change the date when the Voter Choice Study Commission report is due from May 1, 2013 to November 1, 2013. Judiciary

H-6161 **LOCAL TERMS OF OFFICE** (Palangio & Others) This act would create a uniform term of office for all local elected officials of 4 years, unless a city/town governing body votes not to follow the mandatory 4 year term for its local elected officials. Municipal Government

S-39 COMPUTER BALLOTS AND PARTY LEVERS (Bates & Others) This act would require the Board of Elections to program the voting equipment to prevent straight party voting by means of a single mark, and would require the Secretary of State to produce ballots that do not have the option to vote for a straight party ticket by means of a single mark. Judiciary

S-44 STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING (Bates & Others) This act would delete the option of straight party voting by means of a single mark in non-primary elections. Judiciary

S-147 RESIDENCE OF THOSE IN GOVERNMENT CUSTODY (Metts & Others) This act would create the "Residence of Those in Government Custody Act" in order to ensure that persons in government custody are counted at their actual residence for redistricting purposes. Judiciary

S-329 REGISTRATION OF VOTERS: DISAFFILIATION (Raptakis & Others) This act would reduce the waiting period required for disaffiliation from a political party from 90 days to 29 days preceding any primary election. Judiciary

S-330 POLITICAL PARTY DESIGNATION (Raptakis & Others) This act would allow non-affiliated party voters to vote in party primaries without becoming an affiliated party voter by eliminating the language that calls for affiliation in these circumstances. Judiciary

S-359 VOTER IDENTIFICATION (Goldin & Others) This act would repeal the Voter Identification Law (section 17-19-24.2) in its entirety. Judiciary

S-421 CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS (Crowley & Others) This act would make changes to various general law sections governing the conduct of elections. Changes would be made to the election recount process, and to the establishment of the validity of provisional ballots. It also would make the Board of Elections subject to the "Administrative Procedures Act". Also it provides that the Board of Elections must establish a risk-limiting audit pilot program in 5 or more cities/towns to improve the accuracy of election results. Judiciary

S-444 VALIDITY OF BALLOTS (McCaffrey & Others) This act would eliminate language that allows ballots to be valid when the intention of the voter is clearly indicated regardless of a defect in the marking of the ballot. Judiciary

S-445 EMERGENCY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATIONS (McCaffrey & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that a voter certify that the reason an application was made for an emergency mail ballot manifested itself 20 days or less prior to the election. Judiciary

S-446 MAIL BALLOTS: OPENING AND COUNTING (McCaffrey & Others)) This act would change the method required notices are given by the Board of Elections concerning sessions for opening and certifying mail ballots. Notices to the public would be given by announcements on the Board of Elections and Secretary of State websites rather than in newspapers of general circulation. Judiciary

S-447 EMERGENCY MAIL BALLOTS (McCaffrey & Lombardo) This act would allow voters to file emergency mail ballot applications with the requirement that the application contain a certificate setting forth the facts necessitating the application having been eliminated. Judiciary

S-448 MAIL BALLOTS (McCaffrey & Lombardo) This act would change the provisions for the time of receiving mail ballots by the Board of Elections from 9:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mail ballots would not be counted unless they are received by the Board of Elections no later than 8:00 p.m. Judiciary

S-449 MAIL BALLOTS (McCaffrey) This act would change the date that all ballots cast at an election, whether it be regular ballots or mail ballots, may be destroyed. The date would change from the first day of September in the 2nd year after the ballots were cast to 22 months thereafter. Judiciary

S-450 RETURN OF UNUSED BALLOTS (McCaffrey) This act would repeal the section of the general laws that makes it mandatory for every voter who received a mail ballot to return an unvoted ballot and its uncertified enclosing envelope to the Board of Elections or local board before 9:00 p.m. on election day. Judiciary

S-451 MAIL BALLOTS (McCaffrey & Lombardo) This act would require that certifying envelopes containing mail ballots contain a statement noting that the Board of Elections must receive the mail ballot envelope not later than 8:00 p.m. the day of the election. The present law is 9:00 p.m. Judiciary

S-453 MAIL BALLOTS (McCaffrey & Others) This act would allow recount of mail ballots, and the review of precinct cast ballots for voter intent only in cases when competent evidence of irregularities would support an order by the Board of Elections. Judiciary

S-553 IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING (Lynch & Others) This act would create a process which would make in-person early voting before the actual election day available to any registered voter, with the exception of a presidential election. Judiciary

S-626 TIME OF CLOSING OF POLLS (Sheehan & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that a person must be physically present within the voting building by 8:00 p.m. to be entitled to vote. Persons in line and outside of the building at the time of closure of the voting place would be entitled to vote. Judiciary

S-627 MAIL BALLOTS (Jabour & Others) This act would require that mail ballots be returned to the Board of Elections by the time prescribed by section 17-18-11 ("Time of closing of polls"). This would effectively change the current 9:00 p.m. time to 8:00 p.m. Judiciary

S-653 STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING (Walaska & Bates) This act would delete the option of straight-party voting by means of a single mark in non-primary elections. Judiciary

S-769 **IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING** (Lynch & Paiva Weed) This act would create a process which would make in-person early voting before the actual election day available to any registered voter. Judiciary

ENVIRONMENT

H-5171 **INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS** (Gallison & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that the Director of the Department of Environmental Management must approve an individual sewage disposal system, if the system is designed by a licensed designer who submits plans stamped and certified. These requirements apply only if the applicant on the plan for the sewage disposal system uses city/town water, and the structure is no larger than a duplex. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5192 **SCOPE OF ORDINANCES** (Chippendale & Others) This act would prohibit cities/towns from enacting ordinances or regulations which are more restrictive than regulations established and enforced by the Department of Environmental Management or the Coastal Resources Management Council. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5264 **MARINE DEBRIS REDUCTION ACT** (Walsh & Others) This act would establish the "Rhode Island Marine Debris Reduction Act". One of the purposes of this act is to minimize costs incurred by the municipalities to collect, dispose of, or recycle discarded post-consumer packaging materials. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5266aa **NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION** (Ucci & Others) This act would reduce the number of Narragansett Bay Commission members from 23 to 19 due to separation of powers considerations. It would also reduce the number required for a quorum to a simple majority. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5357 **VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would provide that 20% of the state's net allocation of net table game revenue from Twin River be placed into a restricted account to be utilized by municipalities for the purpose of repairs, alterations or additions to dams or reservoirs deemed unsafe by the Department of Environmental Management. Finance

H-5378 **COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** (Walsh & Others) This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. It also would create the Permanent Joint Committee on Coastal Resources consisting of 8 members. Judiciary

H-5386 **USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN** (Walsh & Others) This act would restrict the use of eminent domain over any land which is protected by a conservation or preservation restriction by requiring any state or local agency to demonstrate extreme need and the lack of any viable alternative before exercising the right of eminent domain. Judiciary

H-5425 **JURISDICTION OF D.E.M.** (Serpa & Others) This act would prohibit cities/towns from enacting ordinances or regulations regarding on-site sewage disposal systems and/or wetland setbacks which are inconsistent with or in excess of the standards imposed by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management or by the Coastal Resources Management Council. Judiciary

H-5534 **PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY** (Carnevale & Others) This act would repeal the current language in the general laws requiring public drinking water suppliers to formulate a program for the installation of radio frequency reading systems. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5579 **SMALL WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would allow the installation of small wind energy systems subject to regulations and standards. It would mandate specific provisions for municipal zoning ordinances, create a system of fees including the requirement that a permit be obtained, and make the system subject to a structural and electrical inspection by a local official. Municipal Government

H-5615 **NATURAL GAS EMERGENCIES** (Handy & Others) This act would require that all natural gas emergencies be reported to a central dispatch office staffed by professionally trained gas dispatchers. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5732 **CESSPOOL REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT** (Tanzi & Others) This act would require that all cesspools be removed and replaced with an ISDS system or connected to a public sewer system within 12 months from the date of the sale of the property or in accordance with the schedule previously established by this section of the general laws (23-19.15-6). Environment & Natural Resources

H-5733 **COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** (Naughton & Others) This act would alter the composition (reduce membership from 16 to 11) and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5874 **RECYCLABLE MATERIAL AND WASTE** (Ucci & Others) This act would prohibit the disposal of any recyclable materials or waste at the central landfill. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5953 **FARM CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY** (Carnevale & Others) This act would regulate the placement of renewable energy facilities on farmlands by establishing siting and operational standards, which would be monitored by the Statewide Planning Program and the Office of Energy Resources. Also, this act would make renewable energy facilities located on farms a permitted use within all zoning districts of a municipality. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5986 **REFUSE DISPOSAL** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would require private contractors who are under contract with a city/town to pick up trash and recyclable materials to place the empty containers in a safe and orderly manner in the pick up area.
Municipal Government

H-6019 **CLEAN ENERGY** (Handy) This act would be known as the “Property Assessed Clean Energy – Residential Program” (PACE). City/town councils may designate a municipality as a property assessed clean energy municipality. Homeowners would be allowed to access affordable long-term financing for energy upgrades to their property with the assistance of their local municipalities. Finance

H-6031 **CESSPOOLS** (Tanzi & Others) This act would amend the law on cesspools by updating the terminology of “Individual Sewage Disposal System” (ISDS) to that of “Onsite Wastewater Treatment System” (OWTS). Moreover, with the exception of family transfers, any cesspool used in a building subject to sale or transfer must be replaced with an OWTS or connected to a public sewer system within 12 months of the date of sale or transfer.
Environment & Natural Resources

H-6049 **STORMWATER REGULATIONS** (Shekarchi & Others) This joint resolution would create a special legislative commission to study Rhode Island’s stormwater regulations.
Environment & Natural Resources

H-6099 **OCEAN STATE REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY** (Blazejewski & Others)
This act would establish the Ocean State Regional Water Authority which would be granted the power and authority to acquire, lease, manage, sell, contract, develop, operate and maintain all properties, water and water supply systems which would be necessary to efficiently maintain, preserve, and supply water for the benefit of the state, its economy, its municipalities, and the health and prosperity of its citizens. Municipal Government

S-120 **COASTAL RESOURCES** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would create a Permanent Joint Committee on Coastal Resources given the authority to provide oversight of the Coastal Resources Management Council and of the Department of Environmental Management. Environment & Agriculture

S-122 **COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL** (Sosnowski & Others)
This act would alter the composition and method of appointment of the members of the Coastal Resources Management Council due to separation of powers considerations. It also would create the Permanent Joint Committee on Coastal Resources consisting of 8 members.
Environment & Agriculture

S-214 **USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would restrict the use of eminent domain over any land which is protected with a conservation or preservation restriction by requiring any state or local agency to demonstrate extreme need and the lack of any viable alternative before exercising the right of eminent domain. Judiciary

S-314 RECYCLABLE MATERIAL AND WASTE (Lombardo & Others) This act would prohibit the disposal of any recyclable materials or waste at the central landfill. Environment & Agriculture

S-406 MARINE DEBRIS REDUCTION ACT (Cool Rumsey & Others) This act would establish the "Rhode Island Marine Debris Reduction Act". One of the purposes of this act is to minimize costs incurred by the municipalities to collect, dispose of, or recycle discarded post-consumer packaging materials. Environment & Agriculture

S-430 DISPOSAL OF PAPER AND PACKAGING (Walaska) This senate resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of a special legislative commission to study producer responsibility models for paper and packaging in order to preserve landfill capacity for municipalities. Consent Calendar

S-601 USER FEES AT STATE BEACHES (Sheehan & Others) This act would allow the host municipality to share in all beach parking fee receipts, not just daily parking fee receipts. Environment & Agriculture

S-602 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (Sosnowski & Others) This joint resolution would create a special select commission to determine the future of solid waste management in Rhode Island. Environment & Agriculture

S-640 SCOPE OF ORDINANCES (Lynch & Others) This act would forbid cities/towns from adopting ordinances regarding requirements for on-site sewage disposal systems, and /or wetland setbacks which are inconsistent with or in excess of the standards imposed by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management or the Coastal Resources Management Council. Environment & Agriculture

S-672 SCOPE OF ORDINANCES (Lynch & Others) This act would forbid cities/towns from adopting ordinances regarding requirements for on-site sewage disposal systems, and /or wetland setbacks which are inconsistent with or in excess of the standards imposed by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management or the Coastal Resources Management Council. Environment & Agriculture

S-679 FEES: WATER SUPPLY OPERATORS (Jabour & Metts) This act would provide for an increase in the allowable fee to be charged for examinations to certify operators of public water supply facilities. The increase in the fee is designed to allow operators to take the exam on line at their option. Finance

S-726 RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION: COVER MATERIAL (Sosnowski & Walaska) This act would remove the prohibition on the use of glass as a material to cover compacted solid waste at a sanitary landfill facility made available by the Resource Recovery Corporation. Environment & Agriculture

S-727 **RESOURCE RECOVERY CORPORATION: COVER MATERIAL** (Sosnowski & Walaska) This act would allow the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation to use non-hazardous contaminated soils, free of solid waste, and originating out-of-state as daily cover material at its facility. Environment & Agriculture

S-728 **INCINERATION OF SOLID WASTE** (Sosnowski & Walaska) This act would eliminate the prohibition on inclusion of the incineration of solid waste in the statewide resource recovery system development plan. Environment & Agriculture

S-815 **FARM CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY** (DiPalma) This act would regulate the placement of renewable energy facilities on farmlands by establishing siting and operational standards, which would be monitored by the Statewide Planning Program and the Office of Energy Resources. Also, this act would make renewable energy facilities located on farms a permitted use within all zoning districts of a municipality. Environment & Agriculture

S-900 **CLEAN ENERGY** (Conley & Others) This act would be known as the "Property Assessed Clean Energy – Residential Program" (PACE). City/town councils may designate a municipality as a property assessed clean energy municipality. Homeowners would be allowed to access affordable long-term financing for energy upgrades to their property with the assistance of their local municipalities. Environment & Agriculture

S-969 **PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLY** (Archambault) This act would repeal the current language in the general laws requiring water suppliers to formulate a program for the installation of radio frequency reading systems. Environment & Agriculture

FINANCE & TAXATION

H-5035 **ENTERPRISE ZONES** (Gallison & Others) This act would redefine the criteria for certification as a "qualified business" under the "Distressed Areas Economic Revitalization Act" by creating another exception to the total Rhode Island wages paid criterion. Finance

H-5050 **COSTS OF STATE MANDATES** (Edwards & Others) This act would provide that, if during any fiscal year the state reimbursement to cities/towns and school districts is insufficient to cover the costs of state mandates as reported by the Department of Revenue, those affected cities, towns and school districts may cease implementation of state mandates at their discretion up to 50% of the value of the reimbursement shortfall. Finance

H-5088 **FISCAL OVERSEERS, BUDGET COMMISSIONS AND RECEIVERS** (Silva & Serpa) This act would clarify the powers of fiscal overseers, budget commissions, and receivers appointed under the "Budget Commissions" chapter of the general laws. Specifically, they are limited to dealing with financial matters, and do not have the authority to enact any ordinance, resolution or charter provision, nor are they empowered to abolish any board or committee. Finance

H-5093 **EXCISE TAX PHASE-OUT** (Silva & Serpa) This act would provide a \$6,000 exemption to the motor vehicle excise tax for residents of distressed communities. Finance

H-5096 **COMPENSATION OF BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Silva & Serpa) This act would require that the compensation for city/town budget commission staff must be paid by the State of Rhode Island from its general fund. Finance

H-5127Aaa **2014 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Melo)

ART. 9 **LOCAL MEALS AND BEVERAGE TAX** This article would increase the rate of the Local Meals and Beverage Tax from 1% to 1.5%, which rate would take effect on the date that the state requires remote sellers to collect and remit sales and use taxes. Finance

H-5127Aaa **2014 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Melo)

ART. 9 **STATEWIDE SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON ART** This article would mandate that the Rhode Island Council on the Arts oversee the transition to a statewide arts district program, and coordinate its efforts with the city/town governments.

H-5127Aaa **2014 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Melo)

ART. 11 **MUNICIPAL INCENTIVE AID** This article would create and fund a new \$5,000,000 Municipal Incentive Aid program to provide financial incentives for municipalities to improve the condition of their respective retirement plans in order to provide sustainable pension security for municipal employees. Finance

H-5127A **2014 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Melo)

ART. 20 **MUNICIPAL ROAD AND BRIDGE REVOLVING FUND** This article would provide for a Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund to be administered by the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency, which fund would provide financial assistance to cities and towns to finance and lower the costs of borrowing for approved road and bridge projects. Finance

H-5127Aaa **2014 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Melo)

ART. 22 **HISTORIC PRESERVATION STRUCTURES TAX CREDIT** This article would add Chapter 44-33.6 entitled "Historic Preservation Tax Credits 2013" to the general laws. It would allow tax credits formerly issued to projects declared abandoned by the Division of Taxation to be reissued so as to stimulate and encourage the redevelopment and reuse of historic structures. Finance

H-5130 **PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would allow cities/towns to receive state aid in lieu of property taxes not paid by the federal government for any if its active military installations. Finance

H-5173 **REAL PROPERTY TAX REVALUATION** (Giarrusso & Others) This act would require the state to pay for all local real property tax revaluations which it has mandated. Finance

H-5196 GENERAL REVENUE SHARING (Guthrie & Others) This act would require that general revenue sharing with cities/towns for June 30, 2014, must not be less than \$65,111,876. Finance

H-5246 EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS (McNamara & Others) This act would amend the method of valuation of motor vehicles for excise tax purposes by basing values on the average trade-in price rather than the average retail price. This change of method would be phased-in over the course of 3 years. It also amends the appeal procedure by extending the appeal period from 30 to 45 days, by extending the assessor's decision-making time frame from 10 to 30 days, and by eliminating the role of the R.I. Vehicle Value Commission in the appeals process. Finance

H-5248 TAX SALES (Diaz & Others) This act would amend the time frame and process by which tax collectors must notify the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation of pending tax sales. It also would amend the section pertaining to petitions for foreclosure of redemption as it affects properties acquired by RIHMFC. Finance

H-5250 BUDGET SURPLUS APPORTION ACT (Malik & Others) This act would require the state, whenever there is a budget surplus in excess of \$20,000,000, to return to the cities/towns a portion of the sales taxes collected in that municipality. Finance

H-5259 PROPERTY TAX AND DISCLOSURE (Marcello & Others) This act would require cities/towns, if there is a proposed increase or decrease to the current property tax rate, to publish the proposed rate as applied to a property representing the median assessed value within the city/town. This publication must now also appear on the official municipal website, if available. Municipal Government

H-5260 ANNUAL POST AUDITS (Marcello & Others) This act would prohibit auditors or auditing firms to serve as auditors or prepare audited financial statements on behalf of the same municipality for more than 7 consecutive years. Municipal Government

H-5271 MAXIMUM LEVY: FIRE DISTRICTS (McLaughlin & Others) This act would make fire districts subject to the maximum levy provision (44-5-2). Finance

H-5272 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX (Nunes & Others) This act would provide reimbursement to the cities/towns for the motor vehicle excise tax based on the percentage of total value in each city/town of the amount of the total value in the state, ratably reduced to the annual appropriation for reimbursement. Finance

H-5361 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX (O'Brien & Others) This act would increase the exemption for excise taxes on motor vehicles to \$6,000, and would impose an annual 1% property tax on all sailing vessels valued in excess of \$100,000. Finance

H-5365 **LOCAL MEALS AND BEVERAGE TAX** (Malik & Others) This act would eliminate the local meals and beverage tax, and also would repeal both Sec. 44-18-30B – “Exemption from sales tax for sales by writers, composers, artists” and Sec. 44-18-30C – “Exemption from or stabilization of sales and use taxes for municipal economic development zones”. Finance

H-5369 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would impose an excise tax in a flat amount of \$600 for motor vehicles that are less than 3 years old, and \$360 for motor vehicles that are more than 3 years old, effective for fiscal year 2014 and thereafter. Finance

H-5374 **GENERAL REVENUE SHARING** (Cimini & Others) This act would require that general revenue sharing with cities/towns for June 30, 2014, must not be less than \$65,111,876. Finance

H-5394 **ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES** (Edwards & Others) This act would provide that no municipality shall assess a new dwelling unit at its full and fair cash value until a certificate of occupancy for the unit is issued. Municipal Government

H-5404 **LOW-INCOME HOUSING: MAXIMUM TAX** (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would increase the maximum tax from 8% to 15% of gross scheduled rental income on qualifying low-income housing. Finance

H-5545 **BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Phillips & Others) This act would require the state to pay all costs and expenses incurred by a fiscal overseer, budget and review commission, receiver, or administration and finance officer including those incurred with respect to any professional and clerical staff that has been hired. Finance

H-5550 **STATE AID TO LIBRARIES** (Hearn & Others) This act would alter the funding formula for state aid to local libraries. Finance

H-5553 **FARM, FOREST AND OPEN SPACE LAND** (Giarrusso & Others) This act would amend Chapter 44-27 entitled “Taxation of Farm, Forest, and Open Space Land” by altering the method of notification to property owners wishing to maintain the current designation of their property, enabling tax assessors to save postage costs. Finance

H-5633 **RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would promote capital investment and development within Rhode Island communities. Funding would be derived from the levy of a surcharge on real property not to exceed 3% of the real estate levy as determined annually by the tax assessor, and from a \$20,00 surcharge on general recording fees collected by the recording officers in each city/town. Finance

H-5706 **ACTUARIALLY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS** (Tomasso & Others) This act would require that in the event that a municipality reports a surplus at the end of its fiscal year, but has not made its actuarially required contribution to its pension system, then the municipality must apply the surplus to the pension system up to the amount equal to the actuarially required contribution. Municipal Government

H-5791 **MAXIMUM TAX LEVY AND FIRE DISTRICTS** (Gallison & Others) This act would make fire districts subject to the maximum levy provision and annual financial reporting requirements. This act also provides that the Auditor General may determine that an emergency exists when the fire district experiences unique financial circumstances, imposes a special assessment to enable a fire district that has been liquidated to continue fire protection services, and requires the fire district to file annual financial statements and property tax data with the town clerk. Municipal Government

H-5792 **QUARTERLY PAYMENT OF TAXES** (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would now mandate that municipalities require immediate payment of only the late installment (currently the whole remaining tax becomes due), and impose an interest charge only on the late installment. Municipal Government

H-5804 **PROPERTY EXEMPT: PERFORMING ARTS** (Ferri & Others) This act would provide that the real and personal property of non-profit performing and visual arts organizations that are qualified as tax exempt corporations under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code would be exempt from property taxation. Finance

H-5808 **EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES: PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES** (Handy & Others) This act would exempt “qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles” from the state sales tax, and under this new provision a tax credit is allowed against both the excise tax and sales tax imposed on the vehicle subject to certain limitations. Finance

H-5886 **501(C)(3) ORGANIZATIONS** (Blazejewski) This act would exempt from taxation the real and personal property owned by a 501(c)(3) organization that is affiliated and in good standing with a national congressionally chartered organization, and provides activities designed for recreational, educational and character building purposes for children from ages 6 to 17 years. Finance

H-5896 **PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING TAXES** (Almeida & Others) This act would require mortgagees and grantees of foreclosed property to pay all applicable fines and penalties assessed by a municipal housing court or authority on or before the date a foreclosure deed is recorded. This act also would allow a municipality to recover from a mortgagee or grantee the costs of rehabilitation lawfully incurred to bring the property “up to code”. Judiciary

H-5916 **LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION** (McNamara & Shekarchi) This act would change the composition of the Permanent Legislative Oversight Commission on Property Taxation. Among the changes would be the removal of the chief budget analyst of the office of municipal affairs, and the addition of the Director of the Department of Administration. Finance

H-5930 **MAXIMUM LEVY: FIRE DISTRICTS** (McLaughlin & Others) This act would make fire districts subject to the maximum levy provision (44-5-2). Finance

H-5934 **PRIVATIZATION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (Carnevale & Others) This act would establish a process governing the privatization of municipal services analogous to the present Chapter 42-148 entitled "Privatization of State Services". Municipal Government

H-5967 **STATE BANK** (Lima) This act would establish a state bank. It would mandate that the state and its municipalities deposit all fees, revenues, and grants into the state bank, and not into any other bank or credit union. Finance

H-6059 **MUNICIPAL ROAD AND BRIDGE REVOLVING FUND** (Fox & Others) This act would provide for a Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund to be administered by the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency, which fund would provide financial assistance to cities and towns to finance and lower the costs of borrowing for approved road and bridge projects. Finance

H-6060 **HISTORIC PRESERVATION TAX CREDITS** (O'Grady & Others) This act would create economic incentives for the purpose of stimulating the redevelopment and reuse of the state's historic structures, as well as to generate the positive economic and employment activities that will result from such redevelopment and reuse. Those entities that incur qualified rehabilitation expenditures for the substantial rehabilitation of a certified historic structure would be entitled to a credit against the various taxes imposed by the state. Finance

H-6111 **POWERS AND DUTIES OF FIRE DISTRICTS** (Guthrie) This act would provide fire districts with the power to adopt tax classification rates and operate under a previous fiscal year's budget under certain circumstances. It would also subject fire districts to audit of accounts and installation of systems. Municipal Government

H-6136 **REVALUATION CYCLE** (Martin & Others) This act would increase from 3 to 5 years the interval of time within which a city/town must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation. Municipal Government

H-6146 **TAX CLASSIFICATION** (Slater) This act would provide that for Class 1 residential real estate property any city/town could divide this class into non-owner and owner occupied property, and adopt separate tax rates that would be in compliance with the applicable tax rate restrictions. Municipal Government

H-6175 **BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Melo & Others) This act would repeal section 45-9-10 of the general laws entitled "Appointment of an administration and finance officer upon the abolition of a fiscal overseer, budget commission, or receiver". Finance

H-6192 **REVALUATION CYCLE** (Malik) This act would increase from 3 to 5 years the interval of time within which a city/town must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation. Municipal Government

H-6260 **VOTING AT FINANCIAL TOWN MEETINGS** (Nunes) This act would require that at all financial town meetings only paper ballots or stand-up votes be used to tally the vote, and no voice votes shall be allowed. Judiciary

H-6262 **FOREIGN REGISTERED VEHICLES** (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would require state and local law enforcement and registry personnel to report the presence of foreign registered vehicles present in the state for 30 days or more, and, if the owner is identified as a Rhode Island resident, provide notice to the tax assessor in the city/town in which the vehicle is located. Judiciary

H-6310 **BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Melo & Others) This act would create an amended process to be followed by a city/town upon the abolition of its fiscal overseer, budget commission, or receiver depending upon whether an accompanying bankruptcy petition has been filed. It also would require the State of Rhode Island to annually reimburse a city/town 50% of the costs for the administration and finance officer. Finance

S-21 **UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING** (DiPalma & Others) This act would create a uniform system of accounting promulgated by the Office of Auditor General and Division of Municipal Finance, and would require all accounts of the municipality to be kept in accordance with this system. Finance

S-31 **REVALUATION CYCLE** (Bates & Others) This act would increase from 3 to 5 years the interval of time within which a city/town must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation. Housing & Municipal Government

S-72 **ARTS DISTRICTS** (Crowley & Others) This act would permit city/town councils to designate by resolution a separate artistic community and/or an arts and entertainment district. Writers, composers, and artists residing in these districts would be eligible for exemptions from sales tax and personal income tax. Finance

S-129 **EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES: PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE VEHICLES** (Miller & Others) This act would exempt "qualified plug-in electric drive vehicles" from the state sales tax, and under this new provision a tax credit is allowed against both the excise tax and sales tax imposed on the vehicle subject to certain limitations. Finance

S-135 **EXCISE ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS** (Walaska & Others) This act would amend the method of valuation of motor vehicles for purposes of determining excise taxes by basing values on the average trade-in price rather than the average retail price. It also amends the appeal procedure provision by extending the appeal period from 30 days to 45 days, and by eliminating the role of the Rhode Island Vehicle Value Commission in the appeals process. Finance

S-136 **PAYMENT IN LIEU** (DiPalma) This act would allow cities/towns to receive state aid in lieu of property taxes not paid by the federal government for any of its active military installations. Finance

S-183 **FISCAL OVERSEERS, BUDGET COMMISSIONS AND RECEIVERS** (Crowley) This act would clarify the powers of fiscal overseers, budget commissions, and receivers appointed under the “Budget Commissions” chapter of the general laws. Specifically, they are limited to dealing with financial matters, and do not have the authority to enact any ordinance, resolution or charter provision, nor are they empowered to abolish any board or committee. Finance

S-185 **FARM, FOREST AND OPEN SPACE LAND** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would amend Chapter 44-27 entitled “Taxation of Farm, Forest and Open Space Land” by altering the method of notification to property owners wishing to maintain the current designation of their property, enabling tax assessors to save postage costs. Finance

S-207 **LOW-INCOME HOUSING: TAX CAP** (Cote & Picard) This act would permit municipalities which meet the state required percentages for low and moderate income housing as contained in their comprehensive plans to tax certain residences and units at a rate above the tax cap. Housing & Municipal Government

S-217 **TAX SALES** (Metts) This act would amend the time frame and process by which tax collectors must notify the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation of pending tax sales. It also would amend the section pertaining to petitions for foreclosure of redemption as it affects properties acquired by RIHMFC. Judiciary

S-246 **LOCAL MEALS AND BEVERAGE TAX** (Picard & Others) This act would eliminate the local meals and beverage tax, and would also repeal both Sec. 44-18-30B – “Exemption from sales tax for sales by writers, composers, artists” and Sec. 44-18-30C – “Exemption from or stabilization of sales and use taxes for municipal economic development zones”. Finance

S-268 **MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX** (Pearson) This act would provide reimbursement to the cities/towns for the motor vehicle excise tax based on the percentage of total value in each city/town of the amount of the total value in the state, ratably reduced to the annual appropriation for reimbursement. Finance

S-322 **ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL TAXES** (McCaffrey) This act would make new construction on ‘development property’ defined as a single family residential dwelling or residential condominium unit that is not occupied, has never been occupied, and is on the market for sale, exempt from the assessment of taxes at full and fair cash value of the improvements. Housing and Municipal Government

S-420 **TAX SALES** (Metts & Others) This act would amend the time frame and process by which tax collectors must notify the Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation of pending tax sales. It also would amend the section pertaining to petitions for foreclosure of redemption as it affects properties acquired by RIHMFC. Judiciary

S-443 PROPERTY EXEMPT: PERFORMING ARTS (Goodwin) This act would provide that the real and personal property of non-profit performing and visual arts organizations that are qualified as tax exempt corporations under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code would be exempt from property taxation. Finance

S-514 SCHOOL FINANCES OR ACCOUNTING (Hodgson) This act would amend the general powers and duties of school committees. The act also would add a member to the State Advisory Council on School Finances – the Chief of the Department of Revenue’s Division of Municipal Finance, which Division would conduct periodic reviews and analysis of school revenues and expenses. Also, the act would repeal the school committee’s right to seek additional appropriations by bringing an action in Superior Court. Education

S-522 LOCALLY-ADMINISTERED PENSION FUNDS (Pearson & Others) This act would authorize the General Treasurer to withhold state aid due to municipalities for any purpose other than education, as to any municipality that does not fully fund its annual required contribution (ARC) to any locally- administered pension plan in which the employees of the municipality participate. Finance

S-601 USER FEES AT STATE BEACHES (Sheehan & Others) This act would allow the host municipality to share in all beach parking fee receipts, not just daily parking fee receipts. Environment & Agriculture

S-606 REVALUATION CYCLE (Fogarty & Others) This act would increase from 3 to 6 years the interval of time within which a city/town must conduct an update of its last real property revaluation. Finance

S-611 MAXIMUM TAX LEVY AND FIRE DISTRICTS (DiPalma & Others) This act would make fire districts subject to the maximum levy provision and annual financial reporting requirements. This act also provides that the Auditor General may determine that an emergency exists when the fire district experiences unique financial circumstances, imposes a special assessment to enable a fire district that has been liquidated to continue fire protection services, and requires the fire district to file annual financial statements and property tax data with the town clerk. Finance

S-674 PRIVATIZATION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES (Doyle & Others) This act would establish a process governing the privatization of municipal services analogous to the present Chapter 42-148 entitled “Privatization of State Services”. Finance

S-696 RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT (DiPalma & Others) This act would promote capital investment and development within Rhode Island communities. Funding would be derived from the levy of a surcharge on real property not to exceed 3% of the real estate levy as determined annually by the tax assessor, and from a \$20,00 surcharge on general recording fees collected by the recording officers in each city/town. Housing & Municipal Government

S-733 **HISTORIC STRUCTURES TAX CREDIT** (Goodwin & Others) This act would enable the Economic Development Corporation and the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission to solicit and accept applications for replacement projects for those projects which have been abandoned. Finance

S-738 **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MUNICIPAL FINANCES** (DiPalma & Others) This act would require the Advisory Council on Municipal Finances to file a second report relating to its activities and recommendations with various general assembly committees and the Governor by April 15, 2013. Finance

S-823 **QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME HOUSING: ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION** (Ciccone & Others) This act would authorize local tax assessors to require applicants qualifying as low-income housing for tax assessment purposes, to reapply for qualification as of December 31, for each property that had previously qualified. Finance

S-824 **HISTORIC STONE WALL EXEMPTION** (Archambault & Others) This act would mandate an exemption not exceeding \$5,000 of valuation for historic stone walls. Current law makes granting of this exemption discretionary. Finance

S-826 **TAX CLASSIFICATION** (Miller & Others) This act would provide that for Class 1 residential real estate property any city/town could divide this class into non-owner and owner occupied property, and adopt separate tax rates that would be in compliance with the applicable tax rate restrictions. Finance

S-871 **501 (C) (3) ORGANIZATIONS** (Miller) This act would exempt from taxation the real and personal property owned by a 501(c)(3) organization that is affiliated and in good standing with a national congressionally chartered organization, and provides activities designed for recreational, educational and character building purposes for children from ages 6 to 17 years. Finance

S-887 **TAX LIENS ON REAL ESTATE** (Ciccone & Others) This act would extend the time a tax lien is placed on real estate from 3 to 5 years. Judiciary

S-984A **BUDGET COMMISSIONS** (Da Ponte & Others) This act would create an amended process to be followed by a city/town upon the abolition of its fiscal overseer, budget commission, or receiver depending upon whether an accompanying bankruptcy petition has been filed. It also would require the State of Rhode Island to annually reimburse a city/town 50% of the costs for the administration and finance officer. Finance

HOUSING

H-5103 **RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT** (Edwards & Others) This act would provide a tenant of a foreclosed property greater protection against eviction by increasing notice requirements and delineating what would constitute just cause for eviction. Judiciary

H-5109 **RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT** (Malik & Others) This act would make various amendments to the "Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act" which prohibit discrimination based upon "military status as an honorably discharged veteran or member of the Armed Forces". Veterans' Affairs

H-5247 **CONSTRUCTION OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Walsh) This act would place a moratorium on for-profit developers' submission of plans for low and moderate income housing developments under Chapter 45-53 until June 1, 2016. This date would also apply to submission of applications for comprehensive permits. Finance

H-5332 **EVICTION OF TENANTS** (Almeida & Others) This act would provide a tenant at sufferance in a foreclosed property greater protection against eviction by increasing notice requirements and delineating what would constitute just cause for eviction. Judiciary

H-5335Aaa **MORTGAGE AND FORECLOSURE SALE: CONCILIATION CONFERENCE** (Gallison & Others) This act would create the concept of a "Conciliation Conference", a conference involving the mortgagee and mortgagor which purpose would be to facilitate a loan work-out in an effort to avoid foreclosure. A procedure is set up to insure proper notice, and to bring parties together with a 'Conciliation Conference' to reach an agreement. At various stages in this process the conciliation coordinator issues certificates which must be recorded in the land evidence records. The city/town recorder of deeds cannot accept / record a deed offered as a result of a mortgage foreclosure action unless the above requirements are met. Judiciary

H-5404 **LOW-INCOME HOUSING: MAXIMUM TAX** (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would increase the maximum tax from 8% to 15% of gross scheduled rental income on qualifying low-income housing. Finance

H-5509 **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Marshall & Others) This act would extend the protection, which makes restrictive covenants void and unenforceable in residential areas in order to ensure the availability of low and moderate income housing, to senior citizen housing. Another amendment would allow city/town councils to override this provision making restrictive covenants void and unenforceable by a majority vote. Municipal Government

H-5554 **HOUSING RESOURCES** (Slater & Others) This act would add to the findings and purposes of the Housing Resources Commission as they pertain to the issue of homelessness and to the needs of shelter residents, and provides for an appropriation for the fiscal year 2013-2014 in the amount of \$3,250,000. Finance

H-5651 **HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY** (Bennett & Others) This act would lower from 150 to 100 the number of units which must be present for an elderly housing complex to be required to be equipped with an emergency generator. H.E.W.

H-5960 **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Walsh) This act would update the dates associated with “The Housing Act of 2004 Implementation Oversight Commission”. It would now become “The Housing Act of 2013 Implementation Oversight Commission” with findings and recommendations due on or before March 1, 2017, and expiration date advanced to March 31, 2020. Finance

H-5981 **CITY HOUSING AUTHORITIES** (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would empower a city housing authority to request and receive from the various state and federal departments and agencies income information relating to unemployment compensation, child support, supplemental nutritional assistance and public welfare for the purpose of determining the current income of any applicant in order to accurately calculate the rental rate to be paid by the applicant. Finance

H-6027 **LEASED LAND DWELLINGS** (McNamara & Guthrie) This act would provide for the fair and reasonable compensation of homeowners for the removal or destruction of their residential property on leased land, and would provide for a process of binding arbitration for a landowner and homeowner to resolve their dispute over the compensation to be paid. This act would also provide binding arbitration for a landowner and a homeowner of a leased land dwelling to resolve claims of excessive rent increases. Judiciary

H-6169 **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF RENTAL AGREEMENT** (Guthrie) This act would prohibit a landlord from collecting rent weekly from any tenant that is employed and paid biweekly by the tenant’s employer, upon proof to the landlord of the biweekly payments. Judiciary

H-6316 **FORECLOSED PROPERTY UPKEEP ACT** (Lima & Others) This act would establish the “Rhode Island Foreclosed Property Upkeep Act” which would require a financial institution or business entity that purchases a foreclosed property to maintain the property in accordance with the “Rhode Island Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code”, and to post a bond with the municipality in which the foreclosed property is located. The financial institution or business entity that holds a mortgage must record in the land evidence records a document identifying an agent in Rhode Island for service of process. Municipal Government

S-98 **RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT** (Metts & Others) This act would protect persons who are recipients of government assistance against discrimination under the Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act”. Judiciary

S-146 **IMMIGRATION STATUS** (Metts & Pichardo) This act would prohibit a landlord from asking the immigration status of a prospective tenant, or from being compelled to do so by a local municipality or housing agency. Judiciary

S-321 WARMING CENTERS (Satchell & Others) This act would authorize cities/towns to utilize existing places of assembly as 'warming centers' in extreme cold weather with the prior written approval of the State Fire Marshal or local fire chief. These 'warming centers' would be exempt, on a temporary basis, from existing fire and safety regulations. Housing & Municipal Government

S-362 EVICTION OF TENANTS (Pichardo & Others) This act would provide a tenant at sufferance in a foreclosed property greater protection against eviction by increasing notice requirements and delineating what would constitute just cause for eviction. Judiciary

S-412 EVICTION OF TENANTS (Metts & Others) This act would provide a tenant of a foreclosed property greater protection against eviction by increasing notice requirements and delineating what would constitute just cause for eviction. Judiciary

S-416 MORTGAGE AND FORECLOSURE SALE: CONCILIATION CONFERENCE (Nesselbush & Others) This act would create the concept of a "Conciliation Conference", a conference involving the mortgagee and mortgagor which purpose would be to facilitate a loan work-out in an effort to avoid foreclosure. A procedure is set up to insure proper notice, and to bring parties together with a 'Conciliation Conference' to reach an agreement. At various stages in this process the conciliation coordinator issues certificates which must be recorded in the land evidence records. The city/town recorder of deeds cannot accept / record a deed offered as a result of a mortgage foreclosure action unless the above requirements are met. Judiciary

S-494 HOUSING RESOURCES (Crowley & Others) This act would add to the findings and purposes of the Housing Resources Commission as they pertain to the issue of homelessness and to the needs of shelter residents, and provides for an appropriation for the fiscal year 2013-2014 in the amount of \$3,250,000. Finance

S-580 RHODE ISLAND HOUSING (Pichardo & Others) This joint resolution authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$1,750,000 to Rhode Island Housing to fund the completion of 69 units of housing for homeless veterans and their families. Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

S-650 HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY (Crowley & Others) This act would lower from 150 to 100 the number of units which must be present for an elderly housing complex to be required to be equipped with an emergency generator. Housing & Municipal Government

S-664 RHODE ISLAND FAIR HOUSING PRACTICES ACT (Pichardo & Others) This act would make various amendments to the "Rhode Island Fair Housing Practices Act" which prohibit discrimination based upon "military status as an honorably discharged veteran or member of the Armed Forces". Special Legislation and Veterans' Affairs

S-882 **OVERSIGHT COMMISSION** (Cool Rumsey) This act would require the various appointing authorities to fully staff the members of The Housing Act of 2004 Implementation Oversight Commission by July 1, 2013. It also would require the Commission to file its report with the general assembly by July 1, 2014. Also the act would impose a moratorium on the submission of new comprehensive permit applications by for-profit developers commencing June 1, 2013, and expiring on June 1, 2016, except upon mutual agreement with the local review board. Housing & Municipal Government

S-975 **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Pichardo & Others) This act would update the dates associated with "The Housing Act of 2004 Implementation Oversight Commission". It would now become "The Housing Act of 2013 Implementation Oversight Commission" with findings and recommendations due on or before March 1, 2017, and expiration date advanced to March 31, 2020. Consent Calendar

LABOR RELATIONS

H-5078 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION** (Blazejewski & Others) This act would authorize the Labor Relations Board to certify and recognize union representatives of public employees who submit authorization cards signed by at least 70% of the eligible employee members of the bargaining unit. Labor

H-5258 **ELECTRONIC EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION SYSTEMS** (Diaz & Almeida) This act would provide that, except as required by federal law or as a condition of receiving federal funds, neither the state nor its municipalities shall require an employer to use an electronic employment verification system as a condition of receiving a government contract or applying for or maintaining a business license. This act also would create standards for the use of electronic employment verification systems. Labor

H-5340 **SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION** (Williams & Others) This act would expand the scope of the binding arbitration process to include monetary issues, and also would streamline the actual binding arbitration process itself under the "Certified School Teachers' Arbitration Act". Provisions covering arbitration for non-teacher and non-certified employees would be newly added to this chapter. Labor

H-5342 **RATIFICATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS** (Morgan & Others) This act would repeal the so-called "Caruolo Act". The act would provide that city/town councils must ratify collective bargaining agreements negotiated by school committees for them to become effective. Labor

H-5389 **SCHOOL TEACHER: JUDICIAL RESOLUTION PROCESS** (Dickinson) This act would extend the notification requirements for the dismissal, suspension or layoff of teachers from March 1 to April 1. This act also would create a judicial resolution process as an avenue to avoid teacher strikes. This process is essentially a replacement for the current arbitration method. Labor

H-5506 **CERTAIN RIGHTS OF RETIRED POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would allow any police officer or firefighter who retired under the conditions set forth in a collective bargaining agreement to seek enforcement of those benefits under the "Arbitration of Labor Controversies" chapter (28-9) of the general laws. Labor

H-5697 **REEMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED WORKERS** (Winfield & Keable) This act would create a process for reinstatement of teachers and municipal employees who have been absent as a result of ordinary or accidental disability. Labor

H-5699 **CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS** (Lally) This act would require that contractual provisions contained in collective bargaining agreements with the certified school teachers, municipal employees, firefighters and municipal police continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

H-5787 **MAXIMUM LEGAL FEES** (Hull & Others) This act would prohibit attorneys from charging legal fees to cities/towns for any labor contract in an amount greater than 0.2% of the value of the contract. Labor

S-357 **FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES** (Metts & Others) This act would prohibit the state or a city/town agency from including inquiries on employment applications regarding prior criminal convictions until the applicant has been determined to be a finalist or a conditional offer of employment has been made. It also details the reasons whereby an applicant can be denied. Judiciary

S-363 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION** (McCaffrey) This act would authorize the Labor Relations Board to certify and recognize union representatives of public employees who submit authorization cards signed by at least 70% of the eligible employee members of the bargaining unit. Labor

S-364 **RESPONSIBLE CONTRACT RESOLUTION ACT** (McCaffrey & Satchell) This act would provide procedures and timetables in the bargaining process between teachers and non-teacher employees and school committees. If an agreement cannot be reached then the parties would proceed to binding arbitration on unresolved issues including the expenditure of money. Certified public school teachers cannot participate in a strike. Labor

S-365 **CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS** (McCaffrey & Satchell) This act would require that contractual provisions contained in collective bargaining agreements with certified school teachers, firefighters, municipal police and municipal employees continue until such time as a successor agreement has been reached among the parties or an interest arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

S-737 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE UNIFORM BENEFIT ACT (Bates) This act would be known as the "Rhode Island Municipal Employee Uniform Benefit Act". This act would create a Board of Directors to make recommendations regarding the development of a statewide municipal employees' health benefit purchasing arrangement. Current negotiated retiree health benefits remain in full force and effect, and all future negotiated changes for active employees relating to cost sharing and plan design of health insurance shall be applicable to all new and existing retirees. Finance

S-773 CERTAIN RIGHTS OF RETIRED POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS (Ciccione) This act would allow any police officer or firefighter who retired under the conditions set forth in a collective bargaining agreement to seek enforcement of those benefits under the "Arbitration of Labor Controversies" Chapter (28-9) of the general laws. Labor

S-777 CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS (Ciccione) This act would require that contractual provisions contained in collective bargaining agreements with the certified school teachers, municipal employees, firefighters and municipal police continue until a successor agreement has been reached or an interest arbitration award has been rendered. Labor

LIQUOR CONTROL & LICENSES

H-5084 CLASS C LICENSE (Silva & Serpa) This act would permit the extension of the operating hours of holders of Class C retail alcoholic beverage sales licenses upon application to the local licensing board with an additional payment of \$200. Upon approval, hours on Friday and Saturday nights and the night before legal state holidays would be extended to 1:00 a.m. Corporations

H-5162A SALE OF PRECIOUS METALS (Coderre & Others) This act would make manhole covers, bridge placards and storm grates subject to the provisions of the fourteen day holding period section (6-11.1-5) of the chapter entitled "Purchase and Sale of Precious Metals". Judiciary

H-5183 CLASS A LICENSES (Azzinaro & Others) This act would allow holders of Class A liquor licenses to open at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. Judiciary

H-5291 CLASS N NIGHTCLUB LICENSE (Hearn & Others) This act would eliminate underage nights at nightclubs in which alcoholic beverages are served by not allowing patrons under the age of 21 on the premises. Judiciary

H-5300 UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS (San Bento & Others) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the Contractors' Registration and Licensing Board. It also would require that a bond be furnished by the contractor that would indemnify the local cities/towns. The act also would repeal section 5-20-11 entitled "Licensing of drainlayers and installers". Corporations

H-5455 **CLASS A LICENSES** (Carnevale & Others) This act would expand the rights of holders of retail Class A Licenses by allowing these holders to conduct sampling events inside the licensed premises which now may include liqueurs, cordials, and alcoholic beverages in addition to wine and beer. Corporations

H-5513 **PRECIOUS METALS AND SCRAP METALS** (Carnevale & Williams) This act would significantly amend chapter 6-11.1 entitled "Purchase and Sale of Precious Metals". The amendments are designed to expand the purview of this chapter to "public property" including manhole covers and highway and street signs. The authority for issuing licenses under this section would be transferred to the Department of Business Regulation from the Department of Attorney General. Corporations

H-5603 **MINORS IN THE MILITARY** (Winfield & Others) This act would permit any person over 18 years of age and under 21 years of age who is currently serving in the uniformed military services of the United States to purchase and consume alcoholic beverages, Corporations

H-5722 **CLASS A LICENSES** (Giarrusso & Others) This act would allow holders of retail Class A licenses to conduct sample tastings off the licensed premises as well as on the licensed premises. The licensee also must provide food samplings, but at no additional charge to the consumer. Corporations

H-5795 **CLASS A LICENSES** (Silva) This act would expand the rights of holders of retail Class A Licenses by allowing these holders to conduct sampling events inside the licensed premises which now may include liqueurs, cordials and alcoholic beverages in addition to wine and beer. Corporations

H-5910 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: RETAIL LICENSES** (Martin & Abney) This act would allow the local licensing authority when renewing various liquor licenses to require payment of a fee sufficient to cover costs and expenses related to processing the renewal application. Current language limits this fee to \$25.00. Corporations

H-6126 **BINGO GAMES** (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would permit a "senior citizens center" or "senior center" to obtain a permit approved by the Division of State Police to conduct bingo games in the center for up to 5 calendar days per week excluding Sundays. Judiciary

H-6160 **WEAPONS** (Valencia) This act would amend the definition of "licensing authorities" for weapons, by removing language authorizing town clerks to be the licensing authority for a town in which there is no police chief or superintendent of police. Judiciary

S-79 **REGULATED METALS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would establish a new chapter of the general laws entitled "Purchase and Sale of Regulated Metals", but would be known as the Copper Theft Prevention Act. It would require all businesses involved in the selling or recycling of regulated metals to obtain a license from the Department of Attorney General. The licensee would be required to complete report forms for all transactions, which forms would be delivered or mailed weekly to the chief of police of the city/town in which the business is located and to the Attorney General. Judiciary

S-227 **UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS** (Walaska) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the Director of the Department of Labor and Training. A Board of Underground Utility Contractor Licensing would be established within the Department of Labor and Training. It also would require that a bond be furnished by the contractor that would indemnify the local cities/towns. The act also would repeal section 5-20-11 entitled "Licensing of drainlayers and installers". Labor

S-237 **CLASS A LICENSES** (Jabour & Others) This act would expand the rights of holders of retail Class A Licenses by allowing these holders to conduct sampling events inside the licensed premises which now may include liqueurs, cordials and alcoholic beverages in addition to wine and beer. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

S-307 **LICENSES AND PERMITS** (Raptakis & Others) This act would require that licenses issued under Chapter 5-24 entitled "Taverns, Cookshops, and Oyster Houses" must now be displayed within the premises, but need not be posted, and must be exhibited to members of local law enforcement who request proof of a valid license. Corporations

S-325 **CLASS A LICENSES** (Hodgson & Others) This act would allow holders of retail Class A licenses to conduct sample tastings off the licensed premises as well as on the licensed premises. The licensee also must provide food samplings, but at no additional charge to the consumer. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

S-476 **UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS** (Walaska & Lombardo) This act would require that underground utility contractors obtain a license from the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Board. It also would require that a bond be furnished by the contractor that would indemnify the local cities/towns. The act also would repeal section 5-20-11 entitled "Licensing of drainlayers and installers". Labor

S-477 **CLASS A LICENSES** (Goodwin) This act would expand the rights of holders of retail Class A Licenses by allowing these holders to conduct sampling events inside the licensed premises which now may include liqueurs, cordials and alcoholic beverages in addition to wine and beer. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

S-778 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: RETAIL LICENSES** (Crowley & DiPalma) This act would eliminate the \$25.00 fee ceiling that local licensing authorities may charge to cover advertising and administrative costs when renewing various liquor licenses. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

S-799 CLASS A LICENSES (Fogarty & Algieri) This act would allow holders of Class A Licenses to open at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

PLANNING & ZONING

H-5265A TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS (Mattiello & Others) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2015, as to any approval or permit in effect on November 9, 2009, and those issued between November 9, 2009 and June 30, 2015, and would not revive any expired approval or permit. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5345 TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS (Gallison & Others) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2015, as to any approval or permit issued pursuant to section 45-23-63.1 under the "Subdivision of Land" chapter of the general laws, and in effect on November 9, 2009, or issued between Nov. 9, 2009, and June 30, 2015. Municipal Government

H-5347 RAMPS FOR DISABLED PERSONS (Shekarchi & Others) This act would permit ramps, lifts and other accommodation alternatives necessary for compliance with the provisions of the "Americans with Disabilities Act" (ADA) relating to accessibility as needed in the front, side or rear yards of existing structures, notwithstanding the provisions of any zoning ordinance to the contrary. Municipal Government

H-5393 LOCAL REGULATIONS: PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS (Shekarchi & Others) This act would require cities/towns to establish and maintain a public notice registry of landowners, electors, and nonprofit organizations within the municipality requesting notice for any changes to local subdivision regulations and zoning ordinances. Municipal Government

H-5549 STATE PLANNING COUNCIL (Abney & Silva) This act would add 3 members to the State Planning Council: the Commissioner of the Office of Energy Resources; the Chief Executive Officer of the R.I. Public Transit Authority; and the Executive Director of Rhode Island Housing. Finance

H-5578 ZONING ORDINANCES: ANIMAL AGRICULTURE (Cimini) This act would make animal agriculture a permitted use within all zoning districts of a municipality, including all industrial and commercial zoning districts. Municipal Government

H-5579 SMALL WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS (Carnevale & Others) This act would allow the installation of small wind energy systems subject to regulations and standards. It would mandate specific provisions for municipal zoning ordinances, create a system of fees including the requirement that a permit be obtained, and make the system subject to a structural and electrical inspection by a local official. Municipal Government

H-5703A **SUBDIVISION OF LAND** (Gallison & Others) This act would amend various sections of Chapter 45-23 – “Subdivision of Land” and Chapter 45-24 – “Zoning Ordinances”. In Chapter 45-23 a definition for “Slope of land” is added, as well as language concerning minimum lot size and development density. In Chapter 45-24 definitions for “Lot area, minimum”, “Lot size, minimum” and “Slope of land” are added, as well as language concerning development incentives. Municipal Government

H-5793 **ZONING ORDINANCES: ANIMAL AGRICULTURE** (Naughton) This act would make animal agriculture a permitted use within all zoning districts of a municipality, including all industrial and commercial zoning districts. Municipal Government

H-5953 **FARM CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY** (Carnevale & Others) This act would regulate the placement of renewable energy facilities on farmlands by establishing siting and operational standards, which would be monitored by the Statewide Planning Program and the Office of Energy Resources. Also, this act would make renewable energy facilities located on farms a permitted use within all zoning districts of a municipality. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6104 **ZONING ORDINANCES: AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Malik) This act states that a zoning ordinance which includes inclusionary zoning may provide that the affordable housing must be built on-site or utilize one or more alternative methods of production, including off-site construction or rehabilitation, donation of land suitable for development of the required affordable units, and/or the payment of a fee-in-lieu of the construction or provision of affordable housing units. Municipal Government

H-6141 **MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES** (Keable & Others) This act allows owners of a home and owners of vacant lots in a mobile and manufactured home park to replace their existing home or to place a new home on a vacant lot notwithstanding any local zoning or land use ordinance to the contrary. Environment & Natural Resources

H-6162 **ZONING ORDINANCES: AGGRIEVED PARTY** (Williams & Lombardi) This act would amend the definition of an “aggrieved party” to include anyone requiring notice pursuant to the local zoning ordinances established by the the city/town in which the property is located. This act also would require that notice of a public hearing for the adoption, repeal or amendment of zoning ordinances be sent to any neighborhood group registered with the director of the local zoning board. Municipal Government

H-6167 **SUBDIVISION OF LAND: REQUIRED CONTENTS OF LOCAL REGULATIONS** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would limit the authority of local zoning and/or planning boards to request or to require applicants to supply additional information and/or documents not specifically enumerated in the existing local regulations, under Chapter 45-23 – “Subdivision of Land”. Municipal Government

H-6285 **STATE PLANNING COUNCIL** (Marshall & O'Brien) This act would amend the composition of the State Planning Council by adding two public members, one of whom would be an employer with fewer than 50 employees, and one of whom would be an employer with greater than 50 employees. Corporations

S-76 **ZONING ORDINANCES: ANIMAL AGRICULTURE** (Sosnowski & Others)
This act would make animal agriculture a permitted use within all zoning districts of a municipality, including all industrial and commercial zoning districts. Housing & Municipal Government

S-210 **MOBILE AND MANUFACTURED HOMES** (Fogarty & Others) This act allows owners of a home and owners of vacant lots in a mobile and manufactured home park to replace their existing home or to place a new home on a vacant lot notwithstanding any local zoning or land use ordinance to the contrary. Housing & Municipal Government

S-211 **TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS** (Ottiano & Others) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2015, as to any approval or permit issued pursuant to section 45-23-63.1 under the "Subdivision of Land" chapter of the general laws, and in effect on November 9, 2009, or issued between Nov. 9, 2009, and June 30, 2015. Housing & Municipal Government

S-212 **LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (Fogarty & Others) This act would allow mobile and manufactured homes which are part of a mobile and manufactured home park to be counted as low and moderate income housing for purposes of compliance with the requirements of the city/town comprehensive land use plan. Housing & Municipal Government

S-320 **LOCAL REGULATIONS: PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS** (Walaska) This act would require cities/towns to establish and maintain a public notice registry of landowners, electors, and nonprofit organizations within the municipality requesting notice for any changes to local subdivision regulations and zoning ordinances. Housing & Municipal Government

S-323 **TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS** (McCaffrey) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2015, as to any approval or permit in effect on November 9, 2009, and those issued between November 9, 2009 and June 30, 2015, and would not revive any expired approval or permit. Housing & Municipal Government

S-516 **SOLAR ENERGY** (Pearson) This act would allow cities/towns to develop zoning regulations which establish reasonable standards and requirements for the installation of solar energy systems or the building of structures that facilitate the collection of solar energy. Environment & Agriculture

S-544 SUBDIVISION OF LAND (McCaffrey) This act would amend various sections of Chapter 45-23 – “Subdivision of Land” and Chapter 45-24 – “Zoning Ordinances”. In Chapter 45-23 a definition for “Slope of land” is added, as well as language concerning minimum lot size and development density. In Chapter 45-24 definitions for “Lot area, minimum”, “Lot size, minimum” and “Slope of land” are added, as well as language concerning development incentives. Judiciary

S-640 SCOPE OF ORDINANCES (Lynch & Others) This act would forbid cities/towns from adopting ordinances regarding requirements for on-site sewage disposal systems, and /or wetland setbacks which are inconsistent with or in excess of the standards imposed by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management or the Coastal Resources Management Council. Environment & Agriculture

S-671 CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION (Miller) This act would grant authority to the Rhode Island Climate Change Commission to establish and appoint members to a Permanent Climate Change Advisory Commission to review all proposed elements of the state guide plan. Environment & Agriculture

S-672 SCOPE OF ORDINANCES (Lynch & Others) This act would forbid cities/towns from adopting ordinances regarding requirements for on-site sewage disposal systems, and /or wetland setbacks which are inconsistent with or in excess of the standards imposed by the Director of the Department of Environmental Management or the Coastal Resources Management Council. Environment & Agriculture

S-686 EDC: FEDERAL LANDS (Sheehan) This act would clarify that the Economic Development Corporation and its subsidiaries must conform to applicable provisions of the state guide plan, if any projects are situated on federal land they must conform substantially to the land use goals of the applicable comprehensive plan. Corporations

S-760 STATE PLANNING COUNCIL (Algiere & Others) This act would add two public members to the State Planning Council, one of whom would be an employer with fewer than 50 employees, and one of whom would be an employer with greater than 50 employees. Housing & Municipal Government

S-815 FARM CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (DiPalma) This act would regulate the placement of renewable energy facilities on farmlands by establishing siting and operational standards, which would be monitored by the Statewide Planning Program and the Office of Energy Resources. Also, this act would make renewable energy facilities located on farms a permitted use within all zoning districts of a municipality. Environment & Agriculture

S-907 STATE PLANNING COUNCIL (Pearson) This act would add 3 members to the State Planning Council: the Commissioner of the Office of Energy Resources; the Chief Executive Officer of the R.I. Public Transit Authority; and the Executive Director of Rhode Island Housing. Housing & Municipal Government

S-908 **ZONING ORDINANCES: AFFORDABLE HOUSING** (Bates & Others) This act states that a zoning ordinance which includes inclusionary zoning may provide that the affordable housing must be built on-site or utilize one or more alternative methods of production, including off-site construction or rehabilitation, donation of land suitable for development of the required affordable units, and/or the payment of a fee-in-lieu of the construction or provision of affordable housing units. Housing & Municipal Government

PUBLIC SAFETY (POLICE & FIRE)

H-5058 **COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY** (Corvese & Others) This act would provide that any proceeds derived from criminal commercial sexual activity including, but not limited to, prostitution would be subject to seizure and forfeiture. The act also would provide for the forfeiture of property and proceeds pertaining to the crime of conspiracy under the "Uniform Controlled Substances Act". Judiciary

H-5059 **FOOD STAMPS** (Corvese & Others) This act would make the conversion of food stamps into cash a felony for both parties to the transaction. Judiciary

H-5067 **NFPA 1500** (Guthrie & Others) This act would require fire departments to formulate a written plan of implementation of NFPA 1500 (1987 edition) or a statement of compliance by January 1, 2014, with copies given to the State Fire Marshal. It also would amend the composition of the NFPA 1500 Implementation Plan Review Committee, and make its decisions regarding implementation plans appealable to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals. Municipal Government

H-5077 **INMATES: DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY** (Azzinaro & Others) This act would require the Department of Corrections, upon a declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor or a federal disaster declaration by the President, to provide labor for the performance of emergency remediation projects including those on the local municipal level. Judiciary

H-5101 **DOGS** (Palumbo) This act would make it unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle with a dog sitting on the lap of the motor vehicle operator. Judiciary

H-5104 **FETAL PROTECTION ACT** (Edwards & Others) This act would establish the "Fetal Protection Act" which would define and impose penalties for violence to an unborn child. Judiciary

H-5120 **MOTORCYCLES** (Gallison & Others) This act would require that any passenger on a motorcycle, motor scooter or motor driven cycle be 16 years or older. This age requirement does not apply to passengers riding in a sidecar. Judiciary

H-5127Aaa 2014 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 9 AUTOMATED TRAFFIC VIOLATION MONITORING SYSTEMS This article would have a summons rather than a citation issued based on evidence obtained through the use of automated traffic violation monitoring systems. This article also would not require any city/town to make payments to the state in implementing any provision of Chapter 31-41.2 until July 1, 2013. Finance

H-5149 DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (O'Neill & Others) This act would grant judges and magistrates the authority or, in some instances, require that drivers convicted of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs must operate a motor vehicle that is equipped with an ignition interlock system. Judiciary

H-5150 MOTOR VEHICLES: ELECTRONIC CONFIRMATION AND COMPLIANCE (Ucci & Others) This act would create an electronic automobile and commercial vehicle liability insurance confirmation and compliance system in the state which would be available to law enforcement and emergency medical service providers for automated query at any time through the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications Network (NLETS). Corporations

H-5180 PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES (Ajello & Others) This act would require that information contained in a portable electronic device shall not be subject to search by a law enforcement officer incident to a lawful custodial arrest, except pursuant to a warrant issued by a duly authorized magistrate. Judiciary

H-5205 DNA DETECTION (Kennedy & Others) This act would require the collection of DNA samples of any person arrested for a crime of violence as defined in this act or convicted of any felony. The samples would be included in the Rhode Island DNA Database. The DNA information would be expunged and destroyed under the circumstances specified in extensive additional language added to section 12-1.5-13 entitled "Expungement". Judiciary

H-5208 FIREARMS BY MINORS (Diaz & Others) This act would make it unlawful for minors to "possess" any firearm unless a permit is held, and the minor is in the presence of a parent, guardian, or supervising adult. The "use" requirement is deleted from the statute. Judiciary

H-5254 NEXT-OF-KIN ACCIDENT IDENTIFICATION (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would establish an internet "Next-of-Kin Identification Registry Program" to be developed and implemented by the Administrator of the Division of Motor Vehicles. The names and telephone numbers of emergency contacts would be submitted for inclusion in the registry program. This program would provide access to this information for law enforcement officials, especially when a motor vehicle accident results in serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver or passenger. Judiciary

H-5274 MARIJUANA (Ajello & Others) This act would decriminalize the possession and use of marijuana, and also addresses such issues as retailer registration and the establishment of an excise tax to be collected and remitted at the state level. Finance

H-5281 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN PLATES** (Valencia & Others) This act would allow a licensed emergency medical technician to obtain a special license plate from the Division of Motor Vehicles. Judiciary

H-5285 **RACIAL PROFILING PREVENTION** (Almeida & Others) This act would amend the law banning racial profiling in traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement agencies by fine tuning the system requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data and complete regular reports of findings and statistics regarding traffic stops. It also would add a new provision to Chapter 14-1 of the general laws ("Proceedings in Family Court") governing the search of juveniles without a warrant. Judiciary

H-5286 **FIREARMS** (Craven & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any person to receive, transport or possess any firearm which has had any maker, model, manufacturer's number or other mark of identification removed, altered, or obliterated with an exception for antique and collectible weapons legally possessed by collectors and dealers of firearms. Judiciary

H-5290 **NATIONAL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS SYSTEM** (Morgan & Others) This resolution would create a special legislative commission to study why Rhode Island is one of four states not providing data to the National Instant Criminal Background Checks System Index. Judiciary

H-5306 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN PLATES** (Kennedy & Others) This act would allow a licensed emergency medical technician to obtain a special license plate from the Division of Motor Vehicles. Finance

H-5337 **CRIMINAL RECORD BACKGROUND CHECKS** (Ajello & Others) This act would make changes to how information contained within criminal background checks is disseminated, disclosed, and subsequently destroyed. The act also details the process by which a municipal recreation department may request a background check for any of its employees or volunteers serving their community. Judiciary

H-5338 **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Gallison & Others) This act would grant judges and magistrates the authority or, in some instances, require that drivers convicted of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs must operate a motor vehicle that is equipped with an ignition interlock system. Judiciary

H-5382 **STRIP SEARCH OF DETAINEES** (Walsh & Others) This act would codify the criteria and procedures to be followed when conducting strip searches and body cavity searches. Judiciary

H-5395 **LOW SPEED VEHICLES** (Valencia) This act would permit cities/towns, by ordinance, to authorize the use of low speed vehicles on state, city or town roads within a specified distance from a golf course. Municipal Government

H-5432 **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED** (Lally & Keable) This act would decrease the maximum blood alcohol concentration for a person 18 to 20 years of age to be charged with driving while impaired from less than one-tenth of one percent (.1%) to less than eight one-hundredths of one percent (.08%) by weight. Judiciary

H-5456A **COMMUNICATIONS COMMON CARRIERS** (Johnston & Others) This act would create the "Kelsey Smith Act" which would require wireless telecommunications carriers to provide call location information of a telecommunication device to a requesting law enforcement agency in emergency situations that involve death or serious risk of harm. Corporations

H-5460 **VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE** (Marcello) This act would require that the Division of Motor Vehicles establish an accessible common carrier based system for online verification of the evidence of vehicle liability insurance. This information would be accessible to law enforcement personnel. Corporations

H-5483 **PUBLIC CORRUPTION AND WHITE COLLAR CRIME** (Marcello & Others) This act would establish a public corruption and white collar crime unit within the Department of Attorney General. Its primary purpose would be to investigate and prosecute cases of abuse of the public trust by employees of the state and its municipalities. Judiciary

H-5491 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (O'Neill & Others) This act would give the court during proceedings occurring under the auspices of the "Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act" the authority to raise, lower, or affirm the level of community notification based upon the evidence presented. Judiciary

H-5497 **CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST** (Marcello & Others) This act would create Chapter 11-69 entitled "Crimes Against the Public Trust" which defines specific criminal offenses which violate the public trust or constitute theft of honest services. The act also would extend the statute of limitations to 10 years for violations of this new chapter and section 11-41-27 – "Wrongful conversion by officer or state or municipal employee". Judiciary

H-5533 **MOTOR VEHICLES: ELECTRONIC CONFIRMATION AND COMPLIANCE** (Newberry) This act would create an electronic automobile and commercial vehicle liability insurance confirmation and compliance system in this state which would be available to law enforcement and emergency medical service providers for automated query at any time through the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications Network (NLETS). Corporations

H-5557 **SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRATION** (Palumbo & Others) This act would repeal the current "Sexual Offender Registration and Community Notification Act", and would adopt the federal "Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act" (SORNA). The newly implemented act would contain provisions concerning registration, required information, tiered offenses, duration of registration and frequency of verification. Finance

H-5561 **HEALTH CARE INFORMATION** (Hull & Others) This act would allow disclosure to appropriate law enforcement personnel by a health care provider providing treatment to a patient in a hospital, if such disclosure appears necessary to alert law enforcement to the commission and nature of a crime. If a health care provider reasonably believes that the patient receiving treatment has been a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, the health care provider must receive the patient's consent to the release of information to law enforcement personnel. Judiciary

H-5569 **TEXT MESSAGING** (Lima & Others) This act would provide for mandatory additional penalties for persons found guilty of texting while driving including the installation of a device in their vehicle that prevents text messaging and cell phone calls. Judiciary

H-5570 **COMPUTER CRIME** (Martin & Others) This act would create various criminal offenses relating to Internet activity including unauthorized access to confidential information, cyberstalking and cyberharassment, online personation, and electronic dissemination of indecent material. Judiciary

H-5573 **FIREARM REGISTRATION** (Finn & Others) This act would require possessors of firearms to register those firearms with the licensing authority of any city/town, require that information provided in support of firearms applications be retained and maintained by the appropriate law enforcement agency, and require that all registered firearms be equipped with a safety device. Judiciary

H-5574 **THREATS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY** (Amore & Others) This act would establish a separate felony for making a threat to commit serious bodily harm to persons on school property. Judiciary

H-5576 **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY MINORS** (Cimini & Others) This act would make unlawful the simple possession of a firearm by a minor. This act also would provide for limited exceptions when the minor is in the presence of a qualified adult or participating in certain competitive or ceremonial events. Judiciary

H-5661 **EMERGENCY VEHICLES** (Hull & Others) This act would exempt the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the requirement of wearing a seat belt. Judiciary

H-5667 **DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY** (Mattiello & Others) This act provides that the Director of the Fire Academy and the instructors in the fire education and training unit would be indemnified from personal liability for acts performed in the lawful discharge of their official duties. Judiciary

H-5681 **CELL PHONE TRACKING** (Ajello & Others) This act would prohibit the collection of information relating to the location of certain electronic devices without a search warrant. The act also would establish emergency situation and exigent circumstances exceptions to the search warrant first prohibition. Judiciary

H-5684 **LAW PRACTICE** (O'Neill) This act would preclude police officers and law enforcement employees, unless duly admitted members of the Rhode Island Bar Association, from practicing law in this state. Judiciary

H-5688 **WEAPONS** (Chippendale & Others) This act would prohibit the licensing authority of any city/town from providing the name, address or date of birth of any person who has applied for a license or permit to carry a concealed pistol or revolver, except to other law enforcement agencies when necessary to perform background checks on the applicant. Judiciary

H-5774 **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Amore & Others) This act would require that sentencing judges and magistrates prohibit a person convicted of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs from operating a motor vehicle that is not equipped with an ignition interlock system. Judiciary

H-5775aa **TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES** (Ajello) This act would update provisions of the general laws pertaining to the meaning of traffic signals, and their impact on vehicles and pedestrians. Judiciary

H-5777 **FRANK'S LAW** (Tanzi & Others) This act would create the motor vehicle offense of unsafe passing of a "vulnerable road user". "Vulnerable road user" is defined to include pedestrians, bicyclists, police officers or emergency responders, highway workers, skateboarders, and wheelchair operators. Judiciary

H-5780 **UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES** (Tanzi & Others) This act would create a new chapter of the general laws – 44-12-5.3 entitled "Unmanned Aerial Vehicles" which regulates the use of these types of vehicles. The use of unmanned aerial vehicles by municipal law enforcement agencies is governed by this chapter. Judiciary

H-5782 **DIVIDED HIGHWAYS** (Johnston & Others) This act would clarify the meaning of "divided highway" as any highway that has been divided into 2 roadways by leaving an 'unpaved' intervening space or by a physical barrier. This act also would allow the driver of a motor vehicle to not stop upon meeting a school bus when a highway is a "divided highway". Judiciary

H-5817A **CHILD CARE VEHICLES** (Diaz & Others) This act would eliminate the requirement that child care vehicles be equipped with an approved Emergency Airway Kit mounted in an accessible area, but would maintain the requirement that an Emergency Airway Kit be provided, although now unmounted, for child care and school extracurricular vehicles. It also would add a definition for "Family child care home vehicle". H.E.W.

H-5823 **MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (Tomasso & Others) This act would make various changes to the Medical Marijuana Act. The primary change would be the issuance by the Department of Attorney General of a certificate for the cultivation of medical marijuana, which would be issued to a patient or primary caregiver cardholder who is not a compassion center cardholder. Judiciary

H-5825 **LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM** (Valencia & Others) This act would create a new chapter of the general laws to regulate automated license plate reader systems. It would restrict the use of these systems by the state and its municipalities by providing the specific purposes for which they can lawfully be utilized. Judiciary

H-5854 **MARRIAGE LICENSES** (Coderre & Others) This act would require that for every marriage license issued an additional fee of \$46.00 would be charged, of which the city/town would retain \$2.00, and the balance of \$44.00 would be transmitted to the General Treasurer to be provided to the R.I. Coalition Against Domestic Violence to fund domestic violence prevention programs. Judiciary

H-5855 **HEALTH CARE INFORMATION** (Coderre & Others) This act would allow disclosure to appropriate law enforcement personnel by a health care provider if the patient is an elder person, and the provider believes that the elder person has been physically, psychologically, or sexually abused or neglected. Judiciary

H-5899 **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Ucci) This act would grant judges and magistrates the authority or, in some instances, require that drivers convicted of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs must operate a motor vehicle that is equipped with an ignition interlock system. Judiciary

H-5906 **HIGHWAY REPAIR SURCHARGE** (Ucci) This act would establish a surcharge of \$5.00 on the payment of all traffic fines which would be paid over to the Department of Transportation to fund highway repair and maintenance. Judiciary

H-5963 **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** (Marcello & Others) This act would provide that an electronic monitoring device shall be required to be worn when the court does not detain or sentence the defendant to imprisonment under the various domestic violence prevention statutes when there has been a violation of a protective order or no contact order. Judiciary

H-5975 **SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL ASSAULT** (Malik & Others) This act would prohibit sexual contact accomplished by the element of surprise as an element of the crime of second degree sexual assault. Judiciary

H-5990 **GUN CONTROL AND SAFE FIREARMS ACT** (Almeida & Others) This act would impose restrictions on the manufacture, purchase, sale, and possession of certain semiautomatic assault weapons. It also would ban large capacity ammunition feed devices. Judiciary

H-5991 **FIREARM VIOLATIONS** (Abney & Others) This act would increase the criminal penalties for carrying a stolen firearm while committing a crime of violence, and would add a new section to the general laws relating to the possession of a stolen firearm. Judiciary

H-5992 FIREARMS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES (Ruggiero & Others) This joint resolution would create a behavioral health and firearms safety task force to review, and make recommendations for, statutes relating to firearms and behavioral health issues. Judiciary

H-5993 WEAPONS (Valencia & Others) This act would require anyone requesting a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver upon their person to undergo a national criminal records check, and would limit those authorized to issue a license or permit to the Department of Attorney General. The fee for a license or permit would be increased from \$40.00 to \$140.00, and applied for the use and benefit of the State of Rhode Island. Judiciary

H-5994 WEAPONS (Amore & Others) This act would make a number of changes to various statutes relating to the sale and possession of weapons. In many cases the resultant penalty for violation of these statutes is increased. Judiciary

H-5995 FIREARMS STATUTES (Tanzi & Others) This joint resolution would create a task force on firearms statutes to review, and make recommendations for, revising the statutory framework relating to responsible gun ownership and crimes involving firearms. Judiciary

H-6005 CAMPUS POLICE (Costa & Others) This act would provide that campus police who have completed the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy or its equivalent, and a firearms training program are allowed to carry firearms. Judiciary

H-6007 MOTORCYCLES (Amore) This act would require that all operators and passengers of motorcycles or motor scooters wear helmets approved by the Administrator of Motor Vehicles. Under current law only operators under the age of 21 years or new operators, for a period of one year, are required to wear helmets. Judiciary

H-6180 MUNICIPAL COURT COMPACT – AUTOMATED TRAFFIC VIOLATION MONITORING SYSTEMS (Carnevale) This act would have a summons rather than a citation issued based on evidence obtained through the use of automated traffic violation monitoring systems. This act also would remove the requirement that cities/towns make payments to the State of Rhode Island when implementing Chapter 31-41.2 entitled “Automated Traffic Violation Monitoring Systems”. Finance

H-6181 POLICE OFFICERS: TRAINING (Lombardi & Others) This act would require the Commission on Standards and Training to prepare and publish mandatory training standards to provide instruction for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding to, handling, investigating and reporting all incidents involving any person with a “developmental disability”. Judiciary

H-6262 FOREIGN REGISTERED VEHICLES (Baldelli-Hunt & Others) This act would require state and local law enforcement and registry personnel to report the presence of foreign registered vehicles present in the state for 30 days or more, and, if the owner is identified as a Rhode Island resident, provide notice to the tax assessor in the city/town in which the vehicle is located. Judiciary

H-6282 **MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION: EARPHONES AND HEADSETS** (Tomasso & Others) This act would allow the use of hearing aids while operating a bicycle or motorcycle. It also would permit the operator of a bicycle or motorcycle to use communication equipment that only provides sound through one ear, and allows surrounding sounds to be heard with the other ear. Judiciary

H-6297 **TATTOOING OF MINORS** (Keable & Kazarian) This act would amend section 11-9-15 – “Tattooing of minors” which criminalizes such tattooing. Also this act would establish criteria that would allow minors to be tattooed for medical purposes. Judiciary

S-41 **DNA DETECTION** (Bates & Others) This act would require the collection of DNA samples of any person arrested for a crime of violence as defined in this act or convicted of any felony. The samples would be included in the Rhode Island DNA Database. The DNA information would be expunged and destroyed under the circumstances specified in extensive additional language added to section 12-1.5-13 entitled “Expungement”. Judiciary

S-46 **MOTOR VEHICLES: ELECTRONIC CONFIRMATION AND COMPLIANCE** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would create an electronic automobile and commercial vehicle liability insurance confirmation and compliance system in the state which would be available to law enforcement and emergency medical service providers for automated query at any time through the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications Network (NLETS). Judiciary

S-138 **CHILD PASSENGER PROTECTION** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would authorize all law enforcement officers to provide a verbal warning to any person who is smoking in a motor vehicle containing a child who is restrained or required to be restrained in a child passenger safety seat. Health & Human Services

S-145 **RACIAL PROFILING PREVENTION** (Metts & Others) This act would amend the law banning racial profiling in traffic stops by state and municipal law enforcement agencies by fine tuning the system requiring law enforcement agencies to collect data and complete regular reports of findings and statistics regarding traffic stops. It also would add a new provision to Chapter 14-1 of the general laws (“Proceedings in Family Court”) governing the search of juveniles without a warrant. Judiciary

S-181 **HIGHWAY REPAIR SURCHARGE** (Lombardo & Others) This act would establish a surcharge of \$5.00 on the payment of traffic fines which would be paid to the Department of Transportation to fund the cost of highway repair and maintenance. Finance

S-220 **MOBILE TELEPHONE USE** (Sosnowski & Others) This act would make it unlawful to operate a motor vehicle while using a hand-held mobile telephone to engage in a call while the vehicle is in motion. Judiciary

S-235 **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN PLATES** (Cool Rumsey & Others) This act would allow a licensed emergency medical technician to obtain a special license plate from the Division of Motor Vehicles. Special Legislation & Veterans Affairs

S-284aa **COMMUNICATIONS COMMON CARRIERS** (Doyle & Others) This act would create the “Kelsey Smith Act” which would require wireless telecommunications carriers to provide call location information of a telecommunication device to a requesting law enforcement agency in emergency situations that involve death or serious risk of harm. Judiciary

S-289 **PROPERTY HELD BY POLICE DEPARTMENTS** (Fogarty & Others) This act would require that information contained in a portable electronic device shall not be subject to search by a law enforcement officer incident to a lawful custodial arrest, except pursuant to a warrant issued by a duly authorized magistrate. Judiciary

S-321 **WARMING CENTERS** (Satchell & Others) This act would authorize cities/towns to utilize existing places of assembly as ‘warming centers’ in extreme cold weather with the prior written approval of the State Fire Marshal or local fire chief. These ‘warming centers’ would be exempt, on a temporary basis, from existing fire and safety regulations. Housing & Municipal Government

S-334 **MARIJUANA** (Nesselbush & Others) This act would decriminalize the possession and use of marijuana, and also addresses such issues as retailer registration and the establishment of an excise tax to be collected and remitted at the state level. Judiciary

S-341 **WEAPONS OTHER THAN FIREARMS** (McCaffrey) This act would amend a section of the general laws dealing with the carrying of concealed weapons by eliminating language concerning carrying a “knife of any description having a blade of more than 3 inches in length”. Judiciary

S-350 **MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS** (McCaffrey) This act would create additional penalties for motor vehicle violations at intersections and rights-of-way that cause serious bodily injury or death. Judiciary

S-356 **LICENSE PLATE CONFISCATION** (Raptakis & Walaska) This act would require that the license plates of a vehicle be confiscated by a law enforcement officer if the owner is arrested for driving with a license that was suspended, revoked or cancelled for refusing to submit to a chemical test or for operating under the influence of a narcotic drug or intoxicating liquor. Judiciary

S-380 **NFPA 1500** (Cicccone & Others) This act would require fire departments to formulate a written plan of implementation of NFPA 1500 (1987 edition) or a statement of compliance by January 1, 2014, with copies given to the State Fire Marshal. It also would amend the composition of the NFPA 1500 Implementation Plan Review Committee, and make its decisions regarding implementation plans appealable to the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals. Housing & Municipal Government

S-381 **DISABLING OF FIRE ALARMS** (Walaska) This act would allow trained and certified personnel, other than a firefighter, to turn off a fire alarm in a commercial establishment which is located in a city/town where fire safety is provided solely by means of a volunteer or call fire department. Housing & Municipal Government

S-410 **CLOSE PURSUIT BY OFFICERS** (Hodgson & Others) This act would change the word "arrest" to "stop and briefly detain" to describe the action a police officer takes when crossing from one city/town into another city/town when in close pursuit, the pursuing officer would have the same authority as members of the local police unit to enforce violations of the motor vehicle code. Judiciary

S-411 **AERIAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT** (Kettle & Hodgson) This act creates a new chapter of the general laws entitled "Aerial Privacy Protection Act" which requires law enforcement agencies to obtain a warrant prior to using unmanned aerial vehicles for surveillance. Judiciary

S-417 **TEXTING WHILE DRIVING** (O'Neill & Others) This act would make texting while driving prima facie evidence that the vehicle was being operated in reckless disregard of the safety of others in any prosecution for driving so as to endanger, resulting in death. Judiciary

S-425 **POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY MINORS** (Metts & Jabour) This act would make unlawful the simple possession of a firearm by a minor. This act also would provide for limited exceptions when the minor is in the presence of a qualified adult or participating in certain competitive or ceremonial events. Judiciary

S-455 **FIREARMS** (Goldin & Others) This act would make it unlawful for any person to receive, transport or possess any firearm which has had any maker, model, manufacturer's number or other mark of identification removed, altered, or obliterated with an exception for antique and collectible weapons legally possessed by collectors and dealers of firearms. Judiciary

S-457 **COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would provide that any proceeds derived from criminal commercial sexual activity including, but not limited to, prostitution would be subject to seizure and forfeiture. The act also would provide for the forfeiture of property and proceeds pertaining to the crime of conspiracy under the "Uniform Controlled Substances Act". Judiciary

S-459 **HEALTH CARE INFORMATION** (Jabour & Others) This act would allow disclosure to appropriate law enforcement personnel by a health care provider providing treatment to a patient in a hospital, if such disclosure appears necessary to alert law enforcement to the commission and nature of a crime. If a health care provider reasonably believes that the patient receiving treatment has been a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, the health care provider must receive the patient's consent to the release of information to law enforcement personnel. Judiciary

S-466 STRIP SEARCHES OF DETAINEES (Goldin & Others) This act would codify the criteria and procedures to be followed when conducting strip searches and body cavity searches. Judiciary

S-468 BACKGROUND CHECKS (Fogarty & Others) This act would authorize any municipal fire department to request a background check from its local police department for any employee or volunteer serving the community. Municipal recreation departments currently have this authorization. Judiciary

S-469 IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE IN CRIME FIGHTING (Pichardo & Others) This act would establish the "Immigrant Assistance in Crime Fighting Act" to promote the safety and health of all residents by making it more likely that immigrants would report violations of state and local law by prohibiting law enforcement agencies from inquiring into the immigration status of the complainant or witness. Judiciary

S-543 HEALTH CARE INFORMATION (Cool Rumsey & Satchell) This act would allow disclosure to appropriate law enforcement personnel by a health care provider if the patient is an elder person, and the provider believes that the elder person has been physically, psychologically, or sexually abused or neglected. Judiciary

S-548 GRAFFITI (Goodwin) This act would more explicitly delineate the penalties that can be imposed for defacing property through the use of graffiti. The act also establishes a major involvement for the Family Court if the person convicted is a minor. Judiciary

S-550 COMPUTER CRIME (Lombardi & McCaffrey) This act would create various criminal offenses relating to Internet activity including unauthorized access to confidential information, cyberstalking and cyberharassment, online personation, and electronic dissemination of indecent material. Judiciary

S-551 MARRIAGE LICENSES (Goodwin) This act would require that for every marriage license issued an additional fee of \$46.00 would be charged, of which the city/town would retain \$2.00, and the balance of \$44.00 would be transmitted to the General Treasurer to be provided to the R.I. Coalition Against Domestic Violence to fund domestic violence prevention programs. Judiciary

S-552 PUBLIC CORRUPTION AND WHITE COLLAR CRIME (McCaffrey) This act would establish a public corruption and white collar crime unit within the Department of Attorney General. Its primary purpose would be to investigate and prosecute cases of abuse of the public trust by employees of the state and its municipalities. Judiciary

S-556 CRIMES AGAINST THE PUBLIC TRUST (McCaffrey) This act would create Chapter 11-69 entitled "Crimes Against the Public Trust" which defines specific criminal offenses which violate the public trust or constitute theft of honest services. The act also would extend the statute of limitations to 10 years for violations of this new chapter and section 11-41-27 – "Wrongful conversion by officer or state or municipal employee". Judiciary

S-558 **MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (Goodwin) This act would make various changes to the Medical Marijuana Act. The primary change would be the issuance by the Department of Attorney General of a certificate for the cultivation of medical marijuana, which would be issued to a patient or primary caregiver cardholder who is not a compassion center cardholder. Judiciary

S-559 **PROPERTY HELD BY POLICE DEPARTMENTS** (Ottiano & Others) This act would provide that all tangible and intangible personal property, and any income derived therefrom, which has been confiscated by a local police department, and all money held as a result of confiscation would revert to the city/town or state police department for law enforcement activities. Judiciary

S-560 **DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED** (DiPalma & Others) This act would decrease the maximum blood alcohol concentration for a person 18 to 20 years of age to be charged with driving while impaired from less than one-tenth of one percent (.1%) to less than eight one-hundredths of one percent (.08%) by weight. Judiciary

S-563 **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Sosnowski & Goodwin) This act would grant judges and magistrates the authority or, in some instances, require that drivers convicted of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs must operate a motor vehicle that is equipped with an ignition interlock system. Judiciary

S-566 **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Archambault & Others) This act would grant judges and magistrates the authority or, in some instances, require that drivers convicted of driving under the influence of liquor or drugs must operate a motor vehicle that is equipped with an ignition interlock system. Judiciary

S-567 **MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE VERIFICATION** (DiPalma & Others) This act would create an online motor vehicle insurance verification system to provide evidence of mandatory liability insurance coverage, which would be accessible to law enforcement personnel. Judiciary

S-581 **SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER: BINGO ALLOWED** (Cote & Picard) This act would allow a senior citizens center to obtain a permit approved by the Division of State Police to conduct bingo games in the senior citizens center for up to 5 calendar days per week, excluding Sundays. Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

S-592 **DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE** (Goodwin) This act would significantly increase the fines and penalties of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor or drugs with a child under 13 years of age present as a passenger. Judiciary

S-624 **EMERGENCY VEHICLES** (McCaffrey & Walaska) This act would exempt the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the requirement of wearing a seat belt. Judiciary

S-625 UNSAFE PASSING OF A VULNERABLE ROAD USER (Sosnowski & Crowley) This act would create the motor vehicle offense of unsafe passing of a “vulnerable road user”. “Vulnerable road user” is defined to include pedestrians, bicyclists, police officers or emergency responders, highway workers, skateboarders, and wheelchair operators. Judiciary

S-655 CRIMINAL RECORD BACKGROUND CHECKS (Miller & Others) This act would make changes to how information contained within criminal background checks is disseminated, disclosed, and subsequently destroyed. The act also details the process by which a municipal recreation department may request a background check for any of its employees or volunteers serving its community. Judiciary

S-659 TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES (McCaffrey & Others) This act would update provisions of the general laws pertaining to the meaning of traffic signals, and their impact on vehicles and pedestrians. Judiciary

S-661 DIVIDED HIGHWAYS (Felag & Others) This act would clarify the meaning of “divided highway”, as any highway that has been divided into 2 roadways by leaving an ‘unpaved’ intervening space or by a physical barrier. This act also would allow the driver of a motor vehicle to not stop upon meeting a school bus when a highway is a “divided highway”. Judiciary

S-716 9-1-1 SERVICE (DiPalma & Others) This act would require the E 9-1-1 Uniform Emergency Telephone System Authority to initiate a pilot program no later than January 1, 2014, providing direct dispatch services to participating municipalities. Commerce

S-763 LICENSES AND REGISTRATIONS (Goodwin & DiPalma) This act would eliminate the requirement that motorists surrender suspended licenses and registration plates to the Division of Motor Vehicles unless the licensee is determined to be operating after suspension, in which case the license and/or plates shall be seized by the proper officer and returned to the Division of Motor Vehicles for the remainder of the suspension period. Judiciary

S-770 DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY (Gallo & Lynch) This act provides that the Director of the Fire Academy and the instructors in the fire education and training unit would be indemnified from personal liability for acts performed in the lawful discharge of their official duties. Judiciary

S-771 MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE REPORTING (DiPalma & Others) This act would create a comprehensive statutory program to verify compliance with motor vehicle owners’ and operators’ mandatory liability insurance requirements. It would create a new chapter entitled “Uninsured Motorist Identification Database Procedure”. Local law enforcement agencies would have access to the records of the database for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting various types of crimes. Judiciary

S-859 GUN CONTROL AND SAFE FIREARMS ACT (Miller & Others) This act would impose restrictions on the manufacture, purchase, sale, and possession of certain semiautomatic assault weapons. It also would ban large capacity ammunition feed devices. Judiciary

S-860 FIREARM VIOLATIONS (Satchell & Others) This act would increase the criminal penalties for carrying a stolen firearm while committing a crime of violence, and would add a new section to the general laws relating to the possession of a stolen firearm. Judiciary

S-862 FIREARMS AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES (Cool Rumsey & Others) This joint resolution would create a behavioral health and firearms safety task force to review, and make recommendations for, statutes relating to firearms and behavioral health issues. Judiciary

S-863 FIREARMS STATUTES (McCaffrey & Others) This resolution would create a task force on firearms statutes to review, and make recommendations for, revising the statutory framework relating to responsible gun ownership and crimes involving firearms. Judiciary

S-864 WEAPONS (Miller & Others) This act would make a number of changes to various statutes relating to the sale and possession of weapons. In many cases the resultant penalty for violation of these statutes is increased. Judiciary

S-865 WEAPONS (Goldin & Others) This act would require anyone requesting a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver upon their person to undergo a national criminal records check, and would limit those authorized to issue a license or permit to the Department of Attorney General. The fee for a license or permit would be increased from \$40.00 to \$140.00, and applied for the use and benefit of the State of Rhode Island. Judiciary

H-973 TATTOOING OF MINORS (Fogarty & Others) This act would amend section 11-9-15 – “Tattooing of minors” which criminalizes such tattooing. Also this act would establish criteria that would allow minors to be tattooed for medical purposes. Judiciary

S-998 SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION (McCaffrey) This senate resolution would extend the reporting and expiration dates of the Special Legislative Commission to Undertake a Comprehensive Study of Sex Offender Registration and Notification Legislation in the State of Rhode Island. Consent Calendar

S-1013 CHILD CARE VEHICLES (Crowley) This act would eliminate the requirement that child care vehicles be equipped with an approved Emergency Airway Kit mounted in an accessible area, but would maintain the requirement that an Emergency Airway Kit be provided, although now unmounted, for child care and school extracurricular vehicles. It also would add a definition for “Family child care home vehicle”. Judiciary

S-1025 OPEN MEETINGS: VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES – MINUTES (Pearson) This act would require all volunteer fire companies to post “unofficial” minutes of their meetings on the Secretary of State’s website. Judiciary

RETIREMENT

H-5054 **POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Walsh & Others) This act would increase to \$18,000 per year the maximum gross pay any member who retired under Titles 16, 36, or 45 of the general laws may earn if employed or reemployed by any state school on a part-time basis. The current maximum is \$15,000 per year. Finance

H-5127Aaa **2014 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Melo)

ART. 2 **MEDICARE EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR MEDICARE ELIGIBLE RETIREES**

This article would establish a Medicare Exchange for post-65 retirees (includes teachers) whereby retirees choose between multiple Medicare supplemental plans from different insurers. It also provides that the State would establish Health Reimbursement Accounts for retirees in the state sponsored health plans. Finance

H-5127Aaa **2014 APPROPRIATIONS ACT** (Melo)

ART. 11 **MUNICIPAL INCENTIVE AID** This article would create and fund a new \$5,000,000 Municipal Incentive Aid program to provide financial incentives for municipalities to improve the condition of their respective retirement plans in order to provide sustainable pension security for municipal employees. Finance

H-5199 **OPTIONAL RETIREMENT: POLICE AND FIRE FIGHTERS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would remove the requirement that police and fire fighters who retire on service allowance under the "Optional Retirement for Members of Police Force and Fire Fighters" chapter of the general laws must have attained the age of 55 years. Finance

H-5221 **RETIREMENT OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES** (DeSimone & Others) This act would provide that annual automatic adjustment increases (COLA's) for MERS retirees would continue to be calculated and paid out for retirees whose retirement allowance is at or below 150% of the federal poverty level. Finance

H-5311 **POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Morgan & Others) This act would address situations in which retired state and municipal employees are working more than 20 hours per week for other entities that provide retirement benefits for public employees. Retirement benefits could not be collected in these situations. Finance

H-5343 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES** (Guthrie) This act would limit membership in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System to those municipalities that do not participate in any other pension plan or system. Municipal Government

H-5344 **DISABILITY PENSIONS** (Morgan & Others) This act would require retirement systems supported wholly or in part by municipal and quasi-municipal entities to annually readjust the disability pensions of beneficiaries to an amount, which when added to the amount of compensation earned by the beneficiary, would not be greater than 100% of the base salary rate of compensation in effect for the classification held by the disability recipient prior to retirement. Municipal Government

H-5405 **POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Winfield) This act would increase to \$25,000 per year the maximum gross pay any member who retired under Titles 16, 36, or 45 of the general laws may earn if employed or reemployed by any state school on a part-time basis. The current maximum is \$15,000 per year. Finance

H-5415 **RETIRED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS** (Gallison & Others) This act would provide that, if a retired public school teacher does not have sufficient Social Security credits to qualify for Medicare, the state shall pay for Part A Medicare premiums. Finance

H-5468 **MAYORAL ACADEMIES** (Fellela & Others) This act would add teachers' retirement pursuant to Chapter 16-16 to the list of provisions that would be binding on mayoral academies. Finance

H-5506 **CERTAIN RIGHTS OF RETIRED POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would allow any police officer or firefighter who retired under the conditions set forth in a collective bargaining agreement to seek enforcement of those benefits under the "Arbitration of Labor Controversies" chapter (28-9) of the general laws. Labor

H-5510 **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES: MEDICARE ENROLLMENT** (Ucci & Others) This act would provide that municipalities, which require retirees to enroll in Medicare as soon as the eligibility age is reached as a condition of receiving or continuing to receive retirement payments and health benefits, must reimburse retirees for any costs associated with enrolling or maintaining enrollment in Medicare. Municipal Government

H-5697 **REEMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED WORKERS** (Winfield & Keable) This act would create a process for reinstatement of teachers and municipal employees who have been absent as a result of ordinary or accidental disability. Labor

H-5704 **TEACHERS' RETIREMENT** (Newberry) This act would provide that for retired members of the teachers' retirement system the cost to maintain their life insurance benefit would be the actual annual cost to the municipality rather than the cost at the time of their retirement. Municipal Government

H-5706 **ACTUARIALLY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTIONS** (Tomasso & Others) This act would require that in the event that a municipality reports a surplus at the end of its fiscal year, but has not made its actuarially required contribution to its pension system, then the municipality must apply the surplus to the pension system up to the amount equal to the actuarially required contribution. Municipal Government

H-5768 **ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY** (Craven & Others) This act provides that if a member of a police force or a firefighter is seeking retirement for accidental disability, and is aggrieved by the decision of the retirement board, then the notice of appeal to the Workers' Compensation Court must be filed with the retirement board and the Court within 20 days of the entry of the board's decision. Judiciary

S-130 **TEACHERS' RETIREMENT** (Picard) This act would provide that the amount of the state's contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System would be at a rate determined each year by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as the state share ratio, and the balance to be paid by the city/town. Finance

S-371 **MAYORAL ACADEMIES** (Jabour & Others) This act would add teachers' retirement pursuant to Chapter 16-16 to the list of provisions that would be binding on mayoral academies. Education

S-524 **ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY** (McCaffrey & Lynch) This act provides that if a member of a police force or a firefighter is seeking retirement for accidental disability, and is aggrieved by the decision of the retirement board, then the notice of appeal to the Workers' Compensation Court must be filed with the retirement board and the Court within 20 days of the entry of the board's decision. Finance

S-528 **RESTORATION OF COLAS** (Pichardo & Crowley) This act would restore cost of living adjustments for retired state and municipal employees if their annual retirement allowance is at or below 150% of the federal poverty level. Finance

S-608 **POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT** (Cool Rumsey & Others) This act would increase to \$18,000 per year the maximum gross pay any member who retired under Titles 16, 36, or 45 of the general laws may earn if employed or reemployed by any state school on a part-time basis. The current maximum is \$15,000 per year. Finance

S-687 **TEACHERS' RETIREMENT** (Bates) This act would provide that for retired members of the teachers' retirement system the cost to maintain their life insurance benefit would be the actual annual cost to the municipality rather than the cost at the time of their retirement. Education

S-773 **CERTAIN RIGHTS OF RETIRED POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Ciccone) This act would allow any police officer or firefighter who retired under the conditions set forth in a collective bargaining agreement to seek enforcement of those benefits under the "Arbitration of Labor Controversies" chapter (28-9) of the general laws. Labor

S-879 **OPTIONAL RETIREMENT: POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Ciccone) This act would remove the requirement that police and firefighters who retire on service allowance under the "Optional Retirement for Members of Police Force and Firefighters" chapter of the general laws must have attained the age of 55 years. Finance

TOWN & CITY CLERKS

H-5015B **PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY** (Handy & Others) This act would amend and add various sections to the chapter entitled "Persons Eligible to Marry". These changes would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry. It also would repeal various sections in the recently enacted "Civil Unions" chapter, and allow for merger of civil unions into marriage. Also it contains provisions protecting freedom of religion in marriage. Judiciary

H-5056 **PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY** (Dickinson) This act would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry to include persons of the same gender, and also would provide that members of the clergy would not be required to officiate at any particular marriage. This act, if passed, would require submission to voters at the next general election for approval. Judiciary

H-5231 **INSTRUMENTS ELIGIBLE FOR RECORDING** (Shekarchi & Others) This act would add an "affidavit of facts relating to title or interest in real estate" to those instruments eligible for recording in the land evidence records. A new section of law will be added to the "Recording of Instruments" chapter which describes in detail of what the aforementioned "affidavit" consists. Judiciary

H-5234 **CUSTODY AND PROBATE OF WILLS** (Azzinaro) This act would amend section 33-7-5 of the general laws entitled "Duty of person in possession of will to deliver into court". The act would require that any person delivering a will, with or without assets, to probate court must also file the appropriate probate petition and pay the statutory fees. Judiciary

H-5256 **PROBATE: ADVANCE NOTICE PROVISION** (Lally & Others) This act would eliminate the 10 day advance notice provision required to be given by a probate petitioner to those persons set forth in the petition. Judiciary

H-5257 **PRACTICE IN PROBATE COURTS** (Lally) This act would remove the requirement that , when a decedent is age 55 or older, notification must be sent to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services when a petition is filed for probate or administration of a will. Judiciary

H-5265A **TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS** (Mattiello & Others) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2015, as to any approval or permit in effect on November 9, 2009, and those issued between November 9, 2009 and June 30, 2015, and would not revive any expired approval or permit. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5329 **SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES** (Ajello & Others) This act would allow the Governor to designate any person to solemnize a particular marriage, on a particular date, and in a particular city/town. The Secretary of State would promulgate rules to implement this designation. Judiciary

H-5335Aaa MORTGAGE AND FORECLOSURE SALE: CONCILIATION CONFERENCE

(Gallison & Others) This act would create the concept of a "Conciliation Conference", a conference involving the mortgagee and mortgagor which purpose would be to facilitate a loan work-out in an effort to avoid foreclosure. A procedure is set up to insure proper notice, and to bring parties together with a 'Conciliation Conference' to reach an agreement. At various stages in this process the conciliation coordinator issues certificates which must be recorded in the land evidence records. The city/town recorder of deeds cannot accept / record a deed offered as a result of a mortgage foreclosure action unless the above requirements are met. Judiciary

H-5336 CONVEYANCE TO OR BY NOMINEE TRUST (Keable & Others) This act would

allow conveyances of real estate to a nominee trust or to the trustee of a nominee trust, and by the trustee of a nominee trust pursuant to certain requirements – proper recordation and the obtaining of consent of each of the beneficiaries. Judiciary

H-5345 TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS (Gallison & Others) This act would

extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2015, as to any approval or permit issued pursuant to section 45-23-63.1 under the "Subdivision of Land" chapter of the general laws, and in effect on November 9, 2009, or issued between Nov. 9, 2009, and June 30, 2015. Municipal Government

H-5370 PROBATE: CLAIMS AGAINST DECEDENTS' ESTATES (Marcello & Others)

This act would require that, when a decedent is 55 or older at the time of death, notice must be given to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. This requirement is being shifted from section 33-22-3 – "Notice given by petitioner on filing of petition and hearing" to section 33-11-5.1 – "Duty to notify known or reasonably ascertainable creditors". Finance

H-5434 FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES (Lally) This act would provide that

various types of instruments that are used to convey an interest in real property, and which are recorded in the land evidence records are valid even if executed with certain defects. Judiciary

H-5512 NAME AND ADDRESS OF MORTGAGOR AND MORTGAGEE: RECORDING

(Kennedy & Others) This act would provide that all transfers of a mortgage interest on residential property be recorded so as to provide a clean chain of title for consumers to track the owners of their mortgage loans, and will render moot the question of standing of a nominee in foreclosure actions by discontinuing the practice of recording mortgages in the name of a party other than the holder of the note secured by the mortgage. This act also would require mortgage assignments be recorded within a certain time or render the mortgage void, but not nullify the underlying indebtedness. Corporations

H-5633 RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT (Ruggiero & Others)

This act would promote capital investment and development within Rhode Island communities. Funding would be derived from the levy of a surcharge on real property not to exceed 3% of the real estate levy as determined annually by the tax assessor, and from a \$20,00 surcharge on general recording fees collected by the recording officers in each city/town. Finance

H-5789 **ELECTRONIC NOTICE** (Giarrusso & Others) This act would require municipalities and other local governmental agencies that are required by law to publish a public notice in a newspaper, to post the same public notice on the website of the municipality if it maintains one. Municipal Government

H-5854 **MARRIAGE LICENSES** (Coderre & Others) This act would require that for every marriage license issued an additional fee of \$46.00 would be charged, of which the city/town would retain \$2.00, and the balance of \$44.00 would be transmitted to the General Treasurer to be provided to the R.I. Coalition Against Domestic Violence to fund domestic violence prevention programs. Judiciary

H-6160 **WEAPONS** (Valencia) This act would amend the definition of "licensing authorities" for weapons, by removing language authorizing town clerks to be the licensing authority for a town in which there is no chief of police or superintendent of police. Judiciary

H-6316 **FORECLOSED PROPERTY UPKEEP ACT** (Lima & Others) This act would establish the "Rhode Island Foreclosed Property Upkeep Act" which would require a financial institution or business entity that purchases a foreclosed property to maintain the property in accordance with the "Rhode Island Housing Maintenance and Occupancy Code", and to post a bond with the municipality in which the foreclosed property is located. The financial institution or business entity that holds a mortgage must record in the land evidence records a document identifying an agent in Rhode Island for service of process. Municipal Government

S-38A **PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO MARRY** (Nesselbush & Others) This act would amend and add various sections to the chapter entitled "Persons Eligible to Marry". These changes would broaden the definition of persons eligible to marry. It also would repeal various sections in the recently enacted "Civil Unions" chapter, and allow for merger of civil unions into marriage. Also it contains provisions protecting freedom of religion in marriage. Judiciary

S-95 **PRACTICE IN PROBATE COURTS** (Jabour & Others) This act would remove the requirement that, when a decedent is age 55 or older, notification must be sent to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services when a petition is filed for probate or administration of a will. Judiciary

S-97 **MECHANICS' LIENS** (Doyle & Others) This act would repeal section 34-28-4.1 of the general laws entitled "Contractors" which compels notification by a contractor of possible mechanics' liens within 10 business days of commencing work on a construction project. Judiciary

S-211 **TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS** (Ottiano & Others) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2015, as to any approval or permit issued pursuant to section 45-23-63.1 under the "Subdivision of Land" chapter of the general laws, and in effect on November 9, 2009, or issued between Nov. 9, 2009, and June 30, 2015. Housing & Municipal Government

S-223 **GUARDIANSHIP** (Metts & Others) This act would require any legally appointed guardian, whether acting in a temporary or permanent capacity, to file the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care and/or living will with either the Probate Court or the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs within 30 days of appointment. Judiciary

S-224 **SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES** (McCaffrey & Others) This act would allow the Governor to designate any person to solemnize a particular marriage, on a particular date, and in a particular city/town. The Secretary of State would promulgate rules to implement this designation. Judiciary

S-285 **PROBATE: CLAIMS AGAINST DECEDENTS' ESTATES** (Jabour & Others) This act would require that, when a decedent is 55 or older at the time of death, notice must be given to the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. This requirement is being shifted from section 33-22-3 – "Notice given by petitioner on filing of petition and hearing" to section 33-11-5.1 – "Duty to notify known or reasonably ascertainable creditors". Judiciary

S-292 **CONVEYANCE TO OR BY NOMINEE TRUST** (Walaska & Bates) This act would allow conveyances of real estate to a nominee trust or to the trustee of a nominee trust, and by the trustee of a nominee trust pursuant to certain requirements – proper recordation and the obtaining of consent of each of the beneficiaries. Judiciary

S-323 **TOLLING OF EXPIRATION PERIODS** (McCaffrey) This act would extend the tolling of expiration periods from June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2015, as to any approval or permit in effect on November 9, 2009, and those issued between November 9, 2009 and June 30, 2015, and would not revive any expired approval or permit. Housing & Municipal Government

S-354 **SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES** (Lombardi & Others) This act would authorize and empower justices of the peace to join persons in marriage. Judiciary

S-547 **NAME AND ADDRESS OF MORTGAGOR AND MORTGAGEE: RECORDING** (Conley & Others) This act would provide that all transfers of a mortgage interest on residential property be recorded so as to provide a clean chain of title for consumers to track the owners of their mortgage loans, and will render moot the question of standing of a nominee in foreclosure actions by discontinuing the practice of recording mortgages in the name of a party other than the holder of the note secured by the mortgage. This act also would require mortgage assignments be recorded within a certain time or render the mortgage void, but not nullify the underlying indebtedness. Judiciary

S-551 **MARRIAGE LICENSES** (Goodwin) This act would require that for every marriage license issued an additional fee of \$46.00 would be charged, of which the city/town would retain \$2.00, and the balance of \$44.00 would be transmitted to the General Treasurer to be provided to the R.I. Coalition Against Domestic Violence to fund domestic violence prevention programs. Judiciary

S-652 FORM AND EFFECT OF CONVEYANCES (Lynch & Doyle) This act would provide that various types of instruments that are used to convey an interest in real property, and which are recorded in the land evidence records are valid even if executed with certain defects. Judiciary

MISCELLANEOUS

H-5051 CLOUD-BASED TECHNOLOGY (Newberry & Others) This act would require the Department of Administration to include virtual cloud-based technology when appropriate in establishing compatible information systems, and to encourage the participation of the municipalities in order to obtain the maximum effectiveness in the management of public resources. Finance

H-5069 BRIDGE AND TURNPIKE AUTHORITY (Edwards & Others) This act would alter the composition of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority. The four members appointed by the Governor would be eliminated and replaced by one member representing the City of Newport and each of the towns of Jamestown, Portsmouth, and Tiverton. These new members must be residents of Newport County. Municipal Government

H-5127Aaa 2014 APPROPRIATIONS ACT (Melo)

ART. 5 BRIDGE AND TURNPIKE AUTHORITY This article would establish a toll on the Sakonnet River Bridge beginning August 19, 2013, with the stipulation that until April 1, 2014, the toll imposed shall not exceed 10 cents. It also would establish a Special Legislative Commission to Study the Funding for East Bay Bridges. Finance

H-5133 ONLINE PAYMENTS OF GOVERNMENTAL FEES (Winfield & Others) This act would prohibit state and municipal governmental agencies from charging an additional fee in connection with online credit card payments. Finance

H-5179 OPEN MEETINGS: MINUTES OF FIRE DISTRICT MEETINGS (Ackerman & Others) This act would require independent fire districts to post draft minutes of their meetings on their own district/department website or the local municipal website, and if these websites are unavailable then on the Secretary of State's website. Judiciary

H-5216 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (Williams & Others) This act would require that all bidders on public works projects must submit a list of potential subcontractors to the proper authority at least 7 days prior to the award of a contract. If the bidder chooses a subcontractor who was not listed, the bidder must provide the name of the subcontractor at least 7 days prior to entering into a contract. Corporations

H-5217 COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM (Shekarchi & Others) This act would establish the Community Senior Services Grant Program in the Division of Elderly Affairs to provide financial assistance and incentives to municipalities and nonprofit agencies to operate senior centers and other service programs that help older residents to remain living in the community. Finance

H-5287 **VICIOUS DOGS** (Gallison & Marshall) This act would provide a new section under the general law chapter "Regulation of Vicious Dogs" which establishes regulation of pitbull ownership. Judiciary

H-5333 **ANIMAL SHELTERS** (Fellela & Others) This act would require that animal shelters meet certain specified conditions prior to euthanizing an animal. Judiciary

H-5339 **PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS** (Morgan & Others) This act would raise the threshold for when contracts for public works projects must contain a provision stating that prevailing wages must be paid from \$1,000 to \$50,000. Labor

H-5363 **OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Valencia & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

H-5416 **TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY** (Finn & Others) This act would provide for fixed tolls on the Newport Bridge, and forbid tolls on the Sakonnet Bridge, Mount Hope Bridge, and Jamestown Bridge. It also would establish a bridge maintenance fund within the Department of Transportation to cover the Turnpike and Bridge Authority's cost for its maintenance of bridges under its control. The act also would add a \$20.00 surcharge for each vehicle to the motor vehicles emissions inspection program to fund the bridge maintenance program. Finance

H-5426 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Serpa & Others) This act would provide penalties for owners of real property who require the devocalization or declawing of any animal as a condition of real estate occupancy. Judiciary

H-5472 **PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS** (Carnevale & Others) This act would require that all bidders on a public works contract valued at \$1,000,000 or more have an indentured Class A apprenticeship program, and no less than 15% of the project's labor hours to be performed by apprentices in this program. Finance

H-5492 **SALE OR ADOPTION OF CATS** (Hearn & Others) This act would impose a fine on any licensed releasing agency offering cats for sale or adoption which have not been spayed or neutered, unless specifically offered for breeding purposes. Judiciary

H-5494Aaa **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (DeSimone & Others) This act would make changes to what constitutes animal cruelty. These changes would include a failure to provide the animal with adequate living conditions, and adding "intentionally, maliciously, recklessly, and/or knowingly" to the intent requirements.

H-5550 **STATE AID TO LIBRARIES** (Hearn & Others) This act would alter the funding formula for state aid to local libraries. Finance

H-5552 **LIBRARY ASSISTANCE GRANTS** (Abney & Others) This act would provide that the Chief of Library Services, upon the recommendation of the Library Board of Rhode Island, would award library assistance grants to assist in funding library operations, enhancing library collections, and aiding interlibrary cooperation. Finance

H-5642 **TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY** (Dickinson) This act would transfer authority over the Mt. Hope Bridge and Sakonnet River Bridge from the R.I. Turnpike and Bridge Authority to the Department of Transportation. It also would provide that the Turnpike and Bridge Authority collect tolls at a single toll plaza for the Newport Bridge and the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge. Finance

H-5644 **TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY** (Lima & Others) This act would repeal the power granted to the R.I. Turnpike and Bridge Authority to charge and collect tolls for use of the Sakonnet River Bridge. The loss of revenue would be replaced by an annual appropriation in lieu of tolls of not less than \$10,000,000 by the General Assembly, with the source of these monies being a transfer of monies appropriated for advertising and public relations by the Twin River Casino. Finance

H-5671 **ANIMALS** (Palangio & Others) This act would prohibit cities/towns from enacting any regulation or ordinance specific to any particular breed of dog, cat or other animal in the exercise of their powers to further control and regulate. Judiciary

H-5731 **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS** (Palangio & Others) This act would require that any person hired as an animal control officer subsequent to January 1, 2015, must be certified by the Department of Environmental Management. It would also require DEM to act in conjunction with Defenders of Animals to develop a program for training and certification as an animal control officer. Environment & Natural Resources

H-5765 **GOVERNMENTAL TORT LIABILITY** (Marcello & Others) This act would raise the threshold for damages that can be recovered against a city/town or fire district from \$100,000 to \$250,000, and it also adds a provision prohibiting suit against employees in their individual capacities unless certain specified conditions are present. Judiciary

H-5766 **GOVERNMENTAL TORT LIABILITY** (Marcello & Others) This act would allow town, city, and fire district employees or officials to be sued in their individual capacities if the act or omission was not performed within the scope of their employment or involved actual fraud or malice or willful misconduct. Judiciary

H-5789 **ELECTRONIC NOTICE** (Giarrusso & Others) This act would require municipalities and other local governmental agencies that are required by law to publish a public notice in a newspaper, to post the same public notice on the website of the municipality if it maintains one. Municipal Government

H-5807 **SAKONNET RIVER BRIDGE** (Marshall & Others) This act would delay the institution and collection of any tolls on the Sakonnet River Bridge until January 1, 2015. Finance

H-5826 **PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS** (Lally) This act would change the definition of “owner” to exclude the state and its municipalities for the purpose of limiting liability relating to public use of private lands. Judiciary

H-5830 **SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS/TRANSLITERATORS** (Handy & Others) This act would expand the requirement of a sign language or Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) provider to apply to civil and criminal cases in all courts, including municipal courts. Judiciary

H-5934 **PRIVATIZATION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (Carnevale & Others) This act would establish a process governing the privatization of municipal services analogous to the present Chapter 42-148 entitled “Privatization of State Services”. Municipal Government

H-5935 **MUNICIPAL STREETLIGHT INVESTMENT ACT** (Ruggiero & Others) This act would establish a procedure to allow municipalities to reduce maintenance costs by allowing municipalities to own the street and area lighting within their borders, and to enter into regional maintenance service contracts. Municipal Government

H-6059 **MUNICIPAL ROAD AND BRIDGE REVOLVING FUND** (Fox & Others) This act would provide for a Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund to be administered by the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency, which fund would provide financial assistance to cities and towns to finance and lower the costs of borrowing for approved road and bridge projects. Finance

H-6183 **NEWPORT AND BRISTOL COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS’ BUREAU** (Gallison & Others) This act would amend the residency requirements for membership on the Newport and Bristol County Convention and Visitors’ Bureau by requiring that all members are residents of the State of Rhode Island with a preference given to residents from Newport and Bristol Counties, rather than a requirement that all members be residents of Newport and Bristol Counties. Municipal Government

H-6210 **TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY** (Edwards & Others) This act would provide for fixed tolls on the Newport Bridge, and forbid tolls on the Sakonnet Bridge, Mount Hope Bridge, and Jamestown Bridge. It would establish a bridge maintenance fund within the Department of Transportation to cover the Turnpike and Bridge Authority’s cost for its maintenance of bridges under its control. The act also would add a \$26.00 surcharge for each vehicle to the motor vehicles emissions inspection program to fund the bridge maintenance program. Also transfer of the title to all state-owned bridges of 700 feet or more to the Turnpike and Bridge Authority would be authorized. Finance

S-52 **PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS** (Lombardi & Others) This act would require all contractors and their subcontractors bidding on public works projects to provide a certification that all workers are covered by current workers’ compensation coverage. Labor

S-60 **UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES** (Fogarty) This act would require public utilities to be responsible for any costs incurred by municipal corporations associated with the temporary or permanent relocation of utility infrastructure during public works projects within municipal rights-of-way. Corporations

S-64 **DESTRUCTION OF ANIMALS** (Cicccone & Others) This act would prohibit the use of gas chambers for the destruction of any animal. Environment & Agriculture

S-68 **COMMUNITY SENIOR SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM** (DiPalma & Others) This act would establish the Community Senior Services Grant Program in the Division of Elderly Affairs to provide financial assistance and incentives to local governments and nonprofit agencies to operate senior centers and other senior service programs that help older residents to remain living in the community. Finance

S-137 **LIBRARY ASSISTANCE GRANTS** (DiPalma & Others) This act would provide that the Chief of Library Services, upon the recommendation of the Library Board of Rhode Island, would award library assistance grants to assist in funding library operations, enhancing library collections, and aiding interlibrary cooperation. Finance

S-177 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Ruggerio & Others) This act would provide penalties for owners of real property who require the devocalization or declawing of any animal as a condition of real estate occupancy. Environment & Agriculture

S-178 **VICIOUS DOGS** (Ottiano & Others) This act would provide a new section under the general law chapter "Regulation of Vicious Dogs" which establishes regulation of pitbull ownership. Environment & Agriculture

S-209 **TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY** (DiPalma & Others) This act would alter the composition of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority. Membership would be increased from 5 to 9. It would reduce gubernatorial appointments from 4 to 2, and add one member from the City of Newport, and each of the towns of Jamestown, Portsmouth, Middletown, Tiverton, and Little Compton. Housing & Municipal Government

S-215 **TORT LIABILITY** (Walaska & Bates) This act would not allow prejudgment interest for damages against the state, cities/towns or governmental employees in civil actions, and would provide for the calculation of post judgment interest at the rate of 12% commencing 4 weeks after the date the judgment was entered. The act also would prohibit lawsuits against city/town or fire district officials or employees in their individual capacities unless the act or omission was not performed within the scope of their employment or involved actual fraud or malice or willful misconduct. Also, it provides that joint and several liability shall not apply to the state, cities/towns, and/or their employees unless the proportionate liability is equal to or exceeds 25% of the total judgment. Judiciary

S-242 TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (DiPalma & Others) This act would provide for fixed tolls on the Newport Bridge, and forbid tolls on the Sakonnet Bridge, Mount Hope Bridge, and Jamestown Bridge. It also would establish a bridge maintenance fund within the Department of Transportation to cover the Turnpike and Bridge Authority's cost for its maintenance of bridges under its control. The act also would add a \$20.00 surcharge for each vehicle to the motor vehicles emissions inspection program to fund the bridge maintenance program. Finance

S-253 AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS (McCaffrey) This act would require the state and municipalities to award contracts to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder by redefining 'shall' to mean not modified, limited or conditioned, or replaced by the palpable abuse of discretion standard of review. Finance

S-266 INSPECTOR GENERAL (Raptakis & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

S-293 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS (Miller & Others) This act would require that all bidders on a public works contract valued at \$1,000,000 or more have an indentured Class A apprenticeship program, and no less than 15% of the project's labor hours to be performed by apprentices in this program. Labor

S-294 PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS (DiPalma & Others) This act would require that all bidders on public works projects must submit a list of potential subcontractors to the proper authority at least 7 days prior to the award of a contract. If the bidder chooses a subcontractor who was not listed, the bidder must provide the name of the subcontractor at least 7 days prior to entering into a contract. Labor

S-316 SALE OR ADOPTION OF CATS (Bates & Ottiano) This act would impose a fine on any licensed releasing agency offering cats for sale or adoption which have not been spayed or neutered, unless specifically offered for breeding purposes. Environment & Agriculture

S-395 PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES (Nesselbush) This act would increase the state's contribution of matching funds to public library services based upon library endowment funds expended from 6% to 12.5% commencing in 2015. Finance

S-407 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (Cicccone & DiPalma) This act would make changes to what constitutes animal cruelty. These changes would include a failure to provide the animal with adequate living conditions, and adding "intentionally, maliciously, recklessly, and/or knowingly" to the intent requirements. Environment & Agriculture

S-415 SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS/TRANSLITERATORS (Walaska) This act would expand the requirement of a sign language or Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) provider to apply to civil and criminal cases in all courts, including municipal courts. Judiciary

S-484 **CRUELTY TO ANIMALS** (Bates & Kettle) This act would make changes to what constitutes animal cruelty. These changes would include a failure to provide the animal with adequate living conditions, and adding “intentionally, maliciously, recklessly, and/or knowingly” to the intent requirements. Environment & Agriculture

S-610 **TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY** (Walaska & Lombardo) This act would increase the cigarette tax by 25 cents per pack for a 3 year period. The additional revenue would be deposited into a restricted receipt account to be used by the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority for bridge maintenance. Finance

S-612 **OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Sheehan & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

S-620 **SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS / TRANSLITERATORS** (Miller & Others) This act would expand the requirement of a sign language or Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) provider to apply to civil and criminal cases in all courts, including municipal courts. Judiciary

S-674 **PRIVATIZATION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES** (Doyle & Others) This act would establish a process governing the privatization of municipal services analogous to the present Chapter 42-148 entitled “Privatization of State Services”. Finance

S-689 **OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL** (Cool Rumsey & Others) This act would establish the Office of Inspector General as an independent administrative agency charged with the purpose of preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse, and mismanagement in the expenditure of public funds. Finance

S-690 **PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS** (Gallo & Others) This act would provide for procedures to assist and facilitate payment to subcontractors involved in public works contracts. Labor

S-700 **PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS** (Gallo & Others) This act would create the “Subcontractor Payment Act” which would provide subcontractors with a method to enforce and collect payment for work performed on certain public works contracts. Labor

S-813 **HUMANE TREATMENT OF ELEPHANTS** (Archambault & Ruggiero) This act would specifically regulate the treatment of captive elephants, and would make the inhumane treatment of elephants a felony. Environment & Agriculture

S-836 **MUNICIPAL STREETLIGHT INVESTMENT ACT** (Sheehan & Others) This act would establish a procedure to allow municipalities to reduce maintenance costs by allowing municipalities to own the street and area lighting within their borders, and to enter into regional maintenance service contracts. Housing & Municipal Government

S-947 NEWPORT AND BRISTOL COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS' BUREAU (DiPalma & Others) This act would amend the residency requirements for membership on the Newport and Bristol County Convention and Visitors' Bureau by requiring that all members are residents of the State of Rhode Island with a preference given to residents from Newport and Bristol Counties, rather than a requirement that all members be residents of Newport and Bristol Counties. Housing & Municipal Government

S-989 TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY (DiPalma & Others) This act would provide for fixed tolls on the Newport Bridge, and forbid tolls on the Sakonnet Bridge, Mount Hope Bridge, and Jamestown Bridge. It would establish a bridge maintenance fund within the Department of Transportation to cover the Turnpike and Bridge Authority's cost for its maintenance of bridges under its control. The act also would add a \$26.00 surcharge for each vehicle to the motor vehicles emissions inspection program to fund the bridge maintenance program. Also transfer of the title to all state-owned bridges of 700 feet or more to the Turnpike and Bridge Authority would be authorized. Finance

S-1011 ANIMALS (Ciccone & Ruggiero) This act would prevent cities/towns from enacting any regulation or ordinance specific to any particular breed of dog, cat or other animal. Environment & Agriculture

S-1025 OPEN MEETINGS: VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES – MINUTES (Pearson) This act would require all volunteer fire companies to post "unofficial" minutes of their meetings on the Secretary of State's website. Judiciary

SPECIAL ACTS for CITIES & TOWNS

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H-5091 Establishment of "Arts District" – Sales and Income Tax Exemptions
H-5600 Establishment of Prudence Island Ferry Authority

S-90 Establishment of "Arts District" – Sales and Income Tax Exemptions
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BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

H-5080 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation
H-6219 Water Usage – Billing Procedure and Creation of Liens
H-6239 Water Usage–Billing Procedure and Creation of Liens/Owners Exception

S-93 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation

BURRILLVILLE

- [H-5790](#) Limitation of Pecuniary Damages on Judgments Rendered
[H-5794](#) Property Tax Classification – Classes Revised
[H-6278](#) Background Checks for Employees/Volunteers of Fire Districts
- [S-244](#) Property Tax Classification – Classes Revised
[S-604](#) Property Tax Classification – Classes Revised
[S-675](#) Limitation of Pecuniary Damages on Judgments Rendered

CHARLESTOWN

- [H-5970](#) Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District – Charter Amendments
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- [H-5094](#) Establishment of “Arts District” – Sales Tax Exemptions
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[H-5391](#) Exemption/Stabilization of Taxes / Reassessment of Improved Property
[H-5893](#) Adoption of a School-Wide Dress Code Policy
[H-6092](#) Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
[H-6217](#) Retirement Plan – Transfer of Retirees to MERS
- [S-74](#) Establishment of “Arts District” – Sales Tax Exemptions
[S-75](#) Establishment of “Arts District” – Sales and Income Tax Exemptions
[S-186](#) Exemption/Stabilization of Taxes on Qualifying Property – 10 Years
[S-203](#) Reassessment of Improved Property – Exemption Increased to \$25,000
[S-742](#) Retirement Plan – Transfer of Retirees to MERS
[S-881](#) Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
[S-1019](#) Adoption of a School-Wide Dress Code Policy

CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

- [H-5635](#) Resolution Appropriating \$158,290 for Career and Technical Center
- [S-971](#) Resolution Appropriating \$158,290 for Career and Technical Center

COVENTRY

<u>H-5176A</u>	Central Coventry Fire District – Annual Appropriation
<u>H-5210</u>	Western Coventry Fire District – Articles of Incorporation Amended
<u>H-5858</u>	Historic District Exemption – Increased Assessments
<u>H-5859</u>	Economic Development Tax Program Exemptions
<u>H-5958</u>	Central Coventry Fire District – Town Authorized to Collect Taxes
<u>H-6077</u>	Expansion of Boundary Lines of Fire Districts – Charter Amendments
<u>H-6079</u>	Referendum for Creation of Coventry Main Fire District
<u>H-6101</u>	Powers and Duties of Fire Districts
<u>H-6193</u>	Resolution Creating Legislative Commission to Study One Fire District
<u>H-6220</u>	Regulation of Asphalt or Continuous Mixing Facilities
<u>H-6248</u>	Police Officers and Municipal Employees Permitted to Join MERS

<u>S-124</u>	Coventry Fire Districts – Maximum Tax Levy
<u>S-142</u>	Western Coventry Fire District – Articles of Incorporation Amended
<u>S-205</u>	Regulation of Asphalt or Continuous Mixing Facilities
<u>S-283</u>	Regulation of Asphalt or Continuous Mixing Facilities
<u>S-746</u>	Retirement – Transfer of Employees to MERS
<u>S-748</u>	Historic District Exemption – Increased Assessments
<u>S-749</u>	Economic Development Tax Program Exemptions
<u>S-829</u>	Central Coventry Fire District – Town Authorized to Collect Taxes
<u>S-855</u>	Central Coventry Fire District – Tax Classification Authorized
<u>S-856</u>	Expansion of Boundary Lines of Fire Districts – Charter Amendments
<u>S-940</u>	Hopkins Hill Fire District – Tax Classification / Annual Appropriation
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CRANSTON

<u>H-5635</u>	Resolution Appropriating \$258,866 for Career and Technical Center
<u>H-6121</u>	Exemption from Proximity Provision for Certain Class B License Holder
<u>H-6184</u>	Opting Out of Mers into Defined Contribution Plan by Certain Employees
<u>S-954</u>	Exemption from Proximity Provision for Certain Class B License Holder
<u>S-971</u>	Resolution Appropriating \$258,866 for Career and Technical Center
<u>S-1015</u>	Exemption from Proximity Provision for Certain Class B License Holder
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CUMBERLAND

<u>H-5094</u>	Establishment of "Arts District" – Sales Tax Exemptions
<u>H-6194</u>	Consolidation of Various Fire Districts into the Cumberland Fire District
<u>H-6311</u>	Consolidation of Various Fire Districts into the Cumberland Fire District
<u>S-74</u>	Establishment of "Arts District" – Sales Tax Exemptions
<u>S-75</u>	Establishment of "Arts District" – Sales and Income Tax Exemptions
<u>S-958</u>	Consolidation of Various Fire Districts into the Cumberland Fire District

EAST GREENWICH

<u>H-5901</u>	Acquisition by Town of Property of East Greenwich Fire District
<u>H-6208</u>	Property Tax Exemption Based on Age, Disability, and Military Service
<u>S-187</u>	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Certificate – Certain Exempt Transactions
<u>S-739</u>	Acquisition by Town of Property of East Greenwich Fire District
<u>S-990</u>	Property Tax Exemption Based on Age, Disability, and Military Service

EAST PROVIDENCE

<u>H-5107</u>	Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
<u>H-5193</u>	Students Attending Bradley Hospital – Payments by Sending District
<u>H-5804A</u>	Exemption from Taxation–R.I. Philharmonic Orchestra and Music School
<u>H-6211</u>	Property Exempt from Taxation - Owned by Certain Nonprofit Corps.
<u>H-6213</u>	Property Exempt from Taxation – East Bay Community Action Program
<u>H-6298</u>	Property Exempt from Taxation – St. Mary Academy – Bay View
<u>S-125</u>	Students Attending Bradley Hospital – Payments by Sending District
<u>S-1021</u>	Property Exempt from Taxation – Owned by Certain Nonprofit Corps.
<u>S-1022</u>	Property Exempt from Taxation – East Bay Community Action Program
<u>S-1023</u>	Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
<u>S-1030</u>	Property Exempt from Taxation – St. Mary Academy – Bay View

FOSTER

<u>H-5081</u>	Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
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GLOCESTER

[H-5292](#) Municipal Lien Certificate / Tax Lien on Mobile or Manufactured Home
[H-5879](#) Non-Issuance of Permits to Applicants in Arrears in Local Taxes
[H-6146A](#) Tax Classification – Tax Rates for Various Classes

[S-607](#) Municipal Lien Certificate / Tax Lien on Mobile or Manufactured Home
[S-826A](#) Tax Classification – Tax Rates for Various Classes
[S-944](#) Non-Issuance of Permits to Applicants in Arrears in Local Taxes

JAMESTOWN

[H-6177](#) Award of Municipal Contracts–Allows Establishment of Local Preference

JOHNSTON

[H-5136](#) Annual Payment of \$6,000,000 by Resource Recovery Corporation
[H-5139](#) Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
[H-5523](#) Resource Recovery Corp. - 3 Members / Citizens Advisory Bd. Abolished
[H-5875](#) Tipping Fee Increased to \$5.00 Per Vehicle for Non-exempt Vehicles
[H-6303](#) Power to Perform Marriages – Administrator of Municipal Court

[S-54](#) Legislative Commission to Study Diversion of Food Waste from Landfill
[S-189](#) Annual Payment of \$6,000,000 by Resource Recovery Corporation
[S-190](#) Tipping Fee Increased to \$5.00 Per Vehicle for Non-exempt Vehicles
[S-204](#) Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
[S-1002](#) Resource Recovery Corp. - 3 Members / Citizens Advisory Bd. Abolished

KENT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

[H-5399](#) Water District Board Membership Increased from 5 to 9 Members

MIDDLETOWN

[H-5082](#) Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
[H-5097](#) Borrowing to Pay Court Judgments – 10% of Adopted Budget
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[S-30](#) Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
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NARRAGANSETT

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NEW SHOREHAM

- [H-5887](#) Bonds - \$1,750,000 – Construction of Sewer Disposal System
[S-758](#) Bonds - \$1,750,000 – Construction of Sewer Disposal System

NEWPORT

- [H-5127Aaa](#) Article 9 – Newport Grand – Net Terminal Income Increased for 2 Years
[H-6002](#) Newport Grand–Allocation of Net Terminal Income/Increased for 2 Yrs.
[H-6011](#) Landing and Boarding Fees for Cruise Vessels to Be Increased to \$3.00
[H-6057](#) Newport Grand – Authorization of Additional Promotional Points
[H-6321](#) Fort Adams Foundation – Memberhip Reduction from 9 to 4
- [S-858](#) Newport Grand–Allocation of Net Terminal Income/Increased for 2 Yrs.
[S-920](#) Nominations Papers – Number of Signatures Required
[S-959](#) Landing and Boarding Fees for Cruise Vessels to Be Increased to \$3.00
[S-1034](#) Fort Adams Foundation – Membership Reduction from 9 to 4

NORTH KINGSTOWN

- [H-5737](#) Sales Tax Exemption in Arts and Entertainment District
[H-5869](#) Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
[H-6154](#) Property Tax Exemption – Ocean State Soccer School, Inc.
[H-6315](#) Property Tax Exemption – Ocean State Soccer School, Inc.
- [S-33](#) Charter Amendments – Validation / Ratification
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NORTH PROVIDENCE

- [H-5005](#) Improvement of Pedestrian Safety on Mineral Spring Avenue
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<u>H-5918</u>	Expansion of Arts District – Sales and Income Tax Exemptions
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<u>S-182</u>	Expansion of Arts District – Sales and Income Tax Exemptions
<u>S-360</u>	Pension Board Members – Immunity from Civil Liability
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PORTSMOUTH

<u>H-5041</u>	Tax Exemption for Historic Preservation Sites / Prudence Island
<u>H-5600</u>	Establishment of Prudence Island Ferry Authority
<u>H-5842</u>	Bonds - \$1,850,000 – Improvements to School Buildings
<u>H-5846</u>	Bonds - \$1,850,000 – Improvements to School Buildings
<u>H-6044</u>	Establishment of Municipal Court
<u>S-397</u>	Tax Exemption for Historic Preservation Sites / Prudence Island
<u>S-398</u>	Bonds - \$1,850,000 – Improvements to School Buildings
<u>S-532</u>	Establishment of Prudence Island Ferry Authority
<u>S-884</u>	Establishment of Municipal Court

PROVIDENCE

<u>H-5443</u>	Real Property Tax Exemption for S.P.C.A. – Exemption Eliminated
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<u>H-5891</u>	Expansion of Arts District – Sales and Income Tax Exemptions
<u>H-5918</u>	Expansion of Arts District – Sales and Income Tax Exemptions
<u>H-6097</u>	Housing Court Jurisdiction – Powers Same as District Court
<u>H-6120</u>	Exemption from Proximity Provision for Certain Class B License Holder
<u>H-6146A</u>	Tax Classification – Tax Rates for Various Classes
<u>H-6173</u>	Exemption from Proximity Provision for Certain Class B License Holder
<u>H-6295</u>	Redevelopment Agency – Permitted to Construct New Buildings
<u>S-251</u>	Real Property Tax Exemption for S.P.C.A. – Exemption Eliminated
<u>S-442</u>	Expansion of Arts District – Sales and Income Tax Exemptions
<u>S-819</u>	I-195 Redevelopment Act – Payments in Lieu of Property Taxes
<u>S-826A</u>	Tax Classification – Tax Rates for Various Classes
<u>S-839</u>	Housing Court Jurisdiction – Powers Same as District Court
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RICHMOND

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SMITHFIELD

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WARREN

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WARWICK

[H-5017](#) Enterprise Zone Designation – Pontiac Mills Site
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[S-73](#) Enterprise Zone Designation – Pontiac Mills Site
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WEST WARWICK

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[S-396](#) Sales Tax Exemption in Arts and Entertainment District
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