

Bill Introductions

House Bills

- **Electronic Posting of School Committee Meeting Notices**
(H7086 *Melo, House Judiciary*)
This act would amend the open meetings law by permitting school committees to satisfy the public notice requirements regarding their meetings through electronic publication or on a website maintained by the school committee or by publication in a newspaper.
- **Moratorium on Unfunded Education Mandates**
(H7178 *DaSilva, House Finance*)
This act would require that educational mandates be fully funded or else unenforceable.
- **Private School Textbooks – Regional Collaboratives**
(H7207 *Schadone, House Health, Education ans Welfare*)
This act would require regional collaboratives to distribute textbooks in accordance with Rhode Island law.
- **Social Promotion – Grade 5**
(H7339 *Trillo, House Health, Education ans Welfare*)
This act would require children to meet at least a third grade English skill standard before promotion beyond grade 5.
- **Public Schools – Freedom From Restraints Act**
(H7376 *Naughton, House Health, Education ans Welfare*)
This act would amend the definition of "covered facility" to include the public school system as it relates to the children's right to freedom from restraint act.
- **Education Funding Formula**
(H7555 *Ajello, House Finance*)
This act would establish a new system for the support of public education in Rhode Island, based upon an objective assessment of student needs and designed to assure predictability and accountability in the funding and delivery of meaningful educational opportunity to all students in all communities throughout the State.
- **Payment of Municipal Retiree Life Insurance**
(H7468 *Newberry, House Labor*)
This act would allow retired municipal employees to pay the premium cost of life insurance at the same intervals as they were paying prior to retirement.
- **Equitable Funding – Davies and MET Schools**
(H7616 *Rice, A., House Finance*)
This act would require equitable funding for the William M. Davies, Jr. Vocational Technical School and the Metropolitan Career and Technical School, and the Newport County Career and Technical Center.
- **Education Collaborative Procedures**
(H7665 *Kilmartin, House Health, Education ans Welfare*)
This act would allow school districts to adopt rules and regulations regarding all aspects of the operations' mission and goals relative to cooperative service among school districts. All such agreements among school districts must be approved by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- **Caruolo Action Time Limits**
(H7731 *Kilmartin, House Finance*)
This act would require that any action pursuant to this subsection (the "Caruolo Act") would be filed by a school committee no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the commencement of the city or town's fiscal year for the fiscal year for which such additional appropriations are sought.
- **Required Municipal Employer Pension Contribution**
(H8045 *Gablinske, House Finance*)
This act would provide that if a municipality fails to make contributions to their municipal pension system in the amounts that are required under law, the amount of State aid to that municipality will be reduced in the same amount due and owing by the municipality to the system.