

**SB2046 - An Act Relating To Education -- Federal Aid** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D)

*Companion:* [HB7337 - Rep. Sanchez \(D\)](#)

*Cosponsors:* Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Victoria Gu (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Sam Bell (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D);

*Intro Date:* 1/12/2024

*Summary:* Requires free breakfast and lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools.

*Complete* 01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

*History:* 04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/02/2024)

05/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(9-0\)](#)

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**SB2054 - An Act Relating To Taxation -- Personal Income Tax** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Walter S. Felag, Jr. (D)

*Companion:* [HB7589 - Rep. O'Brien \(D\)](#)

*Cosponsors:* Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Frank A. Ciccone, III (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D); Sen. Robert Britto (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Frank Lombardo, III (D); Sen. David Tikoian (D);

*Intro Date:* 1/12/2024

*Summary:* Increases the state earned-income credit as of January 1, 2025 to seventeen percent (17%) of the federal earned-income credit, not to exceed the amount of state income tax.

*Complete* 01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

*History:* 05/17/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/17/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/23/2024)

05/23/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**SB2121 - An Act Relating To Labor And Labor Relations -- Temporary Disability Insurance -- General Provisions** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Valerie Lawson (D)

*Companion:* [HB7171 - Rep. Giraldo \(D\)](#)

*Cosponsors:* Sen. Dominick J. Ruggiero (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D);

*Intro Date:* 1/12/2024

*Summary:* Includes siblings, grandchildren, care recipient for temporary caregiver benefits of 12 weeks/Increases weekly dependent's allowances from \$10 to \$20 or 7% of benefit rate whichever is greater. Effective January 1, 2025.

*Complete* 01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

*History:* 03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/20/2024)

03/20/2024 Committee recommends passage [\(6-1\)](#)

03/21/2024 [Placed on Senate Calendar](#) (03/28/2024)

03/28/2024 Senate read and passed

03/29/2024 Referred to House Labor

*Progress:* 6/12 - 2nd Chamber Referred to Committee

**SB2141 - An Act Relating To Financial Institutions -- Licensed Activities -- Lenders And Loan Brokers -- Check Cashing** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Ana Quezada (D)

*Companion:* [HB7211 - Rep. Alzate \(D\)](#)

*Cosponsors:* Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Robert Britto (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Linda Ujifusa (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D);

*Intro Date:* 1/24/2024

*Summary:* Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders."

*Complete* 01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce

*History:* 04/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing

04/19/2024 [Scheduled for hearing](#) (04/23/2024)

04/23/2024 Committee heard

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

**SB2213 - An Act Relating To Domestic Relations -- Divorce And Separation** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D)

*Companion:* [HB7167 - Rep. Craven \(D\)](#)

*Cosponsors:* Sen. Frank S. Lombardi (D); Sen. David Tikoian (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Mark McKenney (D); Sen. John Burke (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Matthew LaMountain (D); Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D);

*Intro Date:* 1/24/2024

*Summary:* Allows for child support payments when a child is domiciled in the home of the custodial parent and principally dependent on parent until the child is 21, or 23 if child is enrolled in an educational program.

*Complete* 01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

*History:* 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/26/2024)  
03/26/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(9-0\)](#)  
*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**SB2275 - An Act Relating To Commercial Law -- General Regulatory Provisions -- Interest And Usury** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Melissa Murray (D)  
*Companion:* [HB7941 - Rep. Potter \(D\)](#)  
*Cosponsors:* Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Frank A. Ciccone, III (D); Sen. Leonidas P. Raptakis (D); Sen. Samuel Zurier (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D);  
*Intro Date:* 2/12/2024  
*Summary:* Allows Rhode Island to opt out of provisions of Depository Institutions Deregulation and Monetary Control Act of 1980 which allow financial institutions chartered in states other than Rhode Island to be exempt from interest rate limits set by RI.  
*Complete* 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce  
*History:* 03/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
03/08/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/12/2024)  
03/12/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-1\)](#)  
*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**SB2320 - An Act Relating To Education -- Federal Aid** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Sandra Cano (D)  
*Companion:* [HB7400 - Rep. Caldwell \(D\)](#)  
*Cosponsors:* Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D);  
*Intro Date:* 2/12/2024  
*Summary:* Establishes new programs for free breakfast and lunch meals in all public schools.  
*Complete* 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance  
*History:* 04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration  
04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/02/2024)  
05/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(9-0\)](#)  
*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**SB2337 - An Act Relating To Human Services -- The Rhode Island Works Program** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Melissa Murray (D)  
*Companion:* [HB7686 - Rep. Handy \(D\)](#)  
*Cosponsors:* Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Frank A. Ciccone, III (D); Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D); Sen. Walter S. Felag, Jr. (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D);  
*Intro Date:* 2/12/2024  
*Summary:* Amends the Rhode Island Works Program to expand and increase benefits under the program.  
*Complete* 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance  
*History:* 04/19/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/23/2024)  
04/23/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(8-0\)](#)  
*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**SB2366 - An Act Relating To Public Utilities And Carriers -- Duties Of Utilities And Carriers** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D)  
*Companion:* [HB7286 - Rep. Slater \(D\)](#)  
*Cosponsors:* Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Linda Ujifusa (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Robert Britto (D); Sen. Frank A. Ciccone, III (D);  
*Intro Date:* 2/12/2024  
*Summary:* Creates an income-sensitive tiered subsidy program to ensure that home energy utility costs are affordable for eligible low-income households.  
*Complete* 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance  
*History:* 05/24/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/28/2024)  
05/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(8-0\)](#)  
*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**SB2376 - An Act Relating To Labor And Labor Relations -- Temporary Disability Insurance--General Provisions** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Joshua Miller (D)  
*Cosponsors:* Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D);  
*Intro Date:* 2/12/2024  
*Summary:* Increases the taxable wage base upon which employees make contributions to the TDI and TCI funds, increases individual benefit rates, and creates an opt-in option for self-employed workers.  
*Complete* 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance  
*History:* 02/15/2024 Withdrawn at sponsor's request  
*Progress:* 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB2475 - An Act Relating To Labor And Labor Relations -- Minimum Wages** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Frank A. Ciccone, III (D)  
*Cosponsors:* Sen. John Burke (D); Sen. Robert Britto (D); Sen. Frank S. Lombardi (D);

*Intro Date:* 2/12/2024

*Summary:* Sets the minimum wage for 2025 at seventeen dollars (\$17.00) per hour and for 2026 at twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour.

*Complete* 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Labor

*History:*

*Progress:* 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

**SB2575 - An Act Relating To Taxation -- Personal Income Tax -- Child Tax Credit** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

*Companion:* [HB7924 - Rep. Tanzi \(D\)](#)

*Cosponsors:* Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Mark McKenney (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Samuel Zurier (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D);

*Intro Date:* 3/1/2024

*Summary:* Establishes a child tax credit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per dependent.

*Complete* 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

*History:* 05/03/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/07/2024)

05/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(8-0\)](#)

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**SJR2855 - Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of \$5,000,000 To The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Snap) Eat Well, Be Well Pilot Rewards Program** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Valerie Lawson (D)

*Cosponsors:* Sen. Robert Britto (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D);

*Intro Date:* 3/22/2024

*Summary:* SNAP) EAT WELL, BE WELL PILOT REWARDS PROGRAM (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$5,000,000 to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Eat Well, Be Well Pilot Rewards Program.

*Complete* 03/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

*History:* 04/19/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/23/2024)

04/23/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**SB2929 - An Act Relating To Public Finance -- Rhode Island Baby Bond Trust** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Sen. Melissa Murray (D)

*Companion:* [HB7851 - Rep. Giraldo \(D\)](#)

*Cosponsors:* Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Samuel Zurier (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D);

*Intro Date:* 3/28/2024

*Summary:* Creates the Rhode Island baby bond trust to provide investment funds to children born to families with public health insurance or no insurance living in Rhode Island.

*Complete* 03/28/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

*History:* 05/17/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/17/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/23/2024)

05/23/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(9-0\)](#)

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7167 - An Act Relating To Domestic Relations -- Divorce And Separation** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. Robert Craven, Sr. (D)

*Companion:* [SB2213 - Sen. DiPalma \(D\)](#)

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Justine Caldwell (D); Rep. Evan Shanley (D); Rep. William W. O'Brien (D);

*Intro Date:* 1/11/2024

*Summary:* Allows for child support payments when a child is domiciled in the home of the custodial parent and principally dependent on parent until the child is 21, or 23 if child is enrolled in an educational program.

*Complete* 01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

*History:* 01/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (02/01/2024)

02/01/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7172 - An Act Relating To Labor And Labor Relations -- Minimum Wages** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D)

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Nathan Biah (D); Rep. Evan Shanley (D);

*Intro Date:* 1/11/2024

*Summary:* Repeals the law that allowed employers to pay some of their minor employees and employees who are full time students and not attained the age of nineteen (19), less than minimum hourly wages, requiring them to be paid a minimum hourly wage.

*Complete* 01/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

*History:* 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)

03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7199 - An Act Relating To Domestic Relations -- Divorce And Separation** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. Ramon Perez (D)

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Gregory Costantino (D); Rep. Samuel A. Azzinaro (D); Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D); Rep. Arthur J. Corvese (D); Rep. David Bennett (D); Rep. Evan Shanley (D); Rep. Patricia A. Serpa (D);

*Intro Date:* 1/17/2024

*Summary:* Permits family court to make orders of support and education of a child from ages eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21).

*Complete* 01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

*History:* 01/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (02/01/2024)  
02/01/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7211 - An Act Relating To Financial Institutions -- Licensed Activities -- Lenders And Loan Brokers -- Check Cashing** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. Karen Alzate (D)

*Companion:* [SB2141 - Sen. Quezada \(D\)](#)

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D); Rep. Katherine S Kazarian (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Scott Slater (D);

*Intro Date:* 1/18/2024

*Summary:* Repeals the provisions of the general laws allowing deferred deposit providers, also known as "payday lenders."

*Complete* 01/18/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

*History:* 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/26/2024)  
03/26/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7286 - An Act Relating To Public Utilities And Carriers -- Public Utilities Commission** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. Scott Slater (D)

*Companion:* [SB2366 - Sen. Sosnowski \(D\)](#)

*Cosponsors:* Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Anthony DeSimone (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D);

*Intro Date:* 1/26/2024

*Summary:* Creates an income-sensitive tiered subsidy program to ensure that home energy utility costs are affordable for eligible low-income households.

*Complete* 01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations

*History:* 03/29/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/02/2024)  
04/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7337 - An Act Relating To Education -- Federal Aid** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D)

*Companion:* [SB2046 - Sen. Acosta \(D\)](#)

*Cosponsors:* Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Arthur Handy (D); Rep. Scott Slater (D);

*Intro Date:* 1/26/2024

*Summary:* Requires free breakfast and lunches to be provided for all elementary and secondary students attending public schools.

*Complete* 01/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

*History:* 05/03/2024 [Scheduled for hearing](#) (05/07/2024)  
05/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7400 - An Act Relating To Education -- Federal Aid** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. Justine Caldwell (D)

*Companion:* [SB2320 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Arthur Handy (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D); Rep. Michelle McGaw (D); Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. David Morales (D);

*Intro Date:* 1/31/2024

*Summary:* Establishes new programs for free breakfast and lunch meals in all public schools.

*Complete* 01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

*History:* 02/16/2024 Scheduled for hearing  
02/16/2024 [Scheduled for hearing](#) (03/07/2024)  
03/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7579 - An Act Relating To Labor And Labor Relations -- Minimum Wages** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. David Morales (D)

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D); Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D); Rep. Arthur Handy (D); Rep. Tina Spears (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D);

*Intro Date:* 2/9/2024

*Summary:* Increases the state minimum wage by \$1.25 per year from 2026 through 2029 when it would reach twenty dollars (\$20.00) per hour and then provides for subsequent annual adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index.

*Complete* 02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor  
*History:* 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/27/2024)  
*Progress:* 03/27/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7589 - An Act Relating To Taxation -- Personal Income Tax** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. William W. O'Brien (D)  
*Companion:* [SB2054 - Sen. Felag](#) (D)  
*Cosponsors:* Rep. Scott Slater (D); Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy (D); Rep. Samuel A. Azzinaro (D); Rep. Evan Shanley (D); Rep. Matthew Dawson (D); Rep. Carol Hagan McEntee (D); Rep. Thomas Noret (D); Rep. Ramon Perez (D); Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson (D);  
*Intro Date:* 2/9/2024  
*Summary:* Raises the earned-income tax credit from sixteen percent (16%) to thirty percent (30%) for the tax years 2025 and beyond.  
*Complete* 02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance  
*History:* 04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing  
04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing](#) (05/02/2024)  
05/02/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7671 - An Act Relating To Human Services -- The Rhode Island Supplemental Payments For The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program In Rhode Island Act** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D)  
*Cosponsors:* Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D); Rep. Julie Casimiro (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D); Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith (D); Rep. Arthur Handy (D); Rep. Terri Cortvriend (D);  
*Intro Date:* 2/15/2024  
*Summary:* Directs the allocation of \$3,000,000 from the 2025 state budget to provide cash benefits to participants in the supplemental nutrition assistance program.  
*Complete* 02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance  
*History:* 05/03/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/09/2024)  
05/09/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7686 - An Act Relating To Human Services -- The Rhode Island Works Program** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. Arthur Handy (D)  
*Companion:* [SB2337 - Sen. Murray](#) (D)  
*Cosponsors:* Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Katherine S Kazarian (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Scott Slater (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D); Rep. Jose Batista (D);  
*Intro Date:* 2/15/2024  
*Summary:* Amends works program to provide eligibility for benefits to pregnant persons from onset of pregnancy including lawful permanent residents, increases monthly cash benefits, disallows termination of benefits for failure to work, limits monetary sanctions.  
*Complete* 02/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance  
*History:* 05/03/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/09/2024)  
05/09/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7851 - An Act Relating To Public Finance -- Rhode Island Baby Bond Trust** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D)  
*Companion:* [SB2929 - Sen. Murray](#) (D)  
*Cosponsors:* Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D);  
*Intro Date:* 3/1/2024  
*Summary:* Creates the Rhode Island baby bond trust to provide investment funds to children born to families with public health insurance or no insurance living in Rhode Island.  
*Complete* 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance  
*History:* 04/05/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/11/2024)  
04/11/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7854 - An Act Relating To Human Services -- Public Assistance Act** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. David Morales (D)  
*Cosponsors:* Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Arthur Handy (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D); Rep. Megan Cotter (D); Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D);  
*Intro Date:* 3/1/2024  
*Summary:* Provides eligibility for an additional forty dollars (\$40.00) per month in food stamp benefits to certain qualifying persons or households eligible for food stamp benefits, commencing July 1, 2024.  
*Complete* 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance  
*History:* 05/10/2024 Scheduled for hearing  
05/10/2024 [Scheduled for hearing](#) (05/15/2024)  
05/15/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study  
*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

**HB7924 - An Act Relating To Taxation -- Personal Income Tax -- Child Tax Credit** [pdf](#)

*Sponsor:* Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D)  
*Companion:* [SB2575 - Sen. Cano](#) (D)

*Cosponsors:* Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. David Bennett (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Kathleen Fogarty (D); Rep. Michelle McGaw (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D);

*Intro Date:* 3/4/2024

*Summary:* Establishes a child tax credit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per dependent.

*Complete* 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

*History:* 04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing (05/02/2024)

04/27/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor (05/02/2024)

05/03/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (05/09/2024)

05/09/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

*Progress:* 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study