

SB2066 - An Act Relating To Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities And Hospitals -- Community Mental Health Services [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)

Companion: [HB7035 - Rep. Shallcross Smith \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Meghan Kallman (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Robert Britto (D); Sen. Samuel Zurier (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D);

Intro Date: 1/12/2024

Summary: Appropriates \$1,875,000 for the creation of a 9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline within the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH).

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

History: 03/29/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/29/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/02/2024)

04/02/2024 Committee continued

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

SB2072 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- The Healthcare Services Funding Plan Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Alana DiMario (D)

Companion: [HB7204 - Rep. Shallcross Smith \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D);

Intro Date: 1/12/2024

Summary: Amends RI's existing Healthcare Services Funding Plan Act by adding an account relating to a new Psychiatry Resource Network to fund RI's present PediPRN and MomsPRN, as well as similar programs which may be added by regulation in the future.

Complete 01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

History: 03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/19/2024)

03/19/2024 Committee recommends passage (8-0)

03/20/2024 [Placed on Senate Calendar](#) (03/28/2024)

03/28/2024 Senate read and passed

03/29/2024 Referred to House Finance

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

SB2076 - An Act Relating To Insurance -- Accident And Sickness Insurance Policies [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Valerie Lawson (D)

Companion: [HB8171 - Rep. Dawson \(D\)](#)

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

Intro Date: 1/12/2024

Summary: Removes the sunset provision of all statutory law requiring coverage for the treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome.

Complete 01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

History: 02/02/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/02/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (02/08/2024)

02/08/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study (6-0)

02/09/2024 [Scheduled for consideration](#) (02/13/2024)

02/09/2024 Scheduled for consideration

02/12/2024 [Meeting postponed](#) (02/13/2024)

02/12/2024 [Scheduled for consideration](#) (02/15/2024)

02/15/2024 Committee recommends passage (5-0)

02/15/2024 [Placed on Senate Calendar](#) (02/29/2024)

02/15/2024 [Placed on Senate Calendar](#) (03/07/2024)

03/07/2024 Senate read and passed

03/08/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

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

SB2082 - An Act Relating To Insurance -- Accident And Sickness Insurance Policies [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Melissa Murray (D)

Companion: [HB7364 - Rep. Kennedy \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Sam Bell (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D);

Intro Date: 1/12/2024

Summary: Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2025.

Complete 01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

History: 03/29/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/02/2024)

04/02/2024 Committee recommends passage (5-0)

04/03/2024 [Placed on Senate Calendar](#) (04/09/2024)

04/09/2024 Senate read and passed

04/10/2024 Referred to House Health & Human Services

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

SB2084 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety - Catastrophic Illness In Children Relief Fund [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Pamela Lauria (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Jacob Bissailon (D); Sen. Robert Britto (D);

Intro Date: 1/12/2024

Summary: Establishes Children's Catastrophic Illness in Children Relief Fund to provide finance assistance to families for medical expenses not covered by state or federal programs or insurance contract.

Complete 01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

History: 03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/19/2024)
03/19/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

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

SB2161 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Health Care For Children And Pregnant Women [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Pamela Lauria (D)

Companion: [HB7998 - Rep. Slater \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Linda Ujifusa (D); Sen. Matthew LaMountain (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D);

Intro Date: 1/24/2024

Summary: Provides children from birth through age five (5) with continuous coverage eligibility for Rlte Track/Rlte Care so that they are not at risk of losing coverage at the yearly redetermination due solely to administrative barriers.

Complete 01/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History: 04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/05/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/11/2024)
04/08/2024 [Meeting postponed](#) (04/11/2024)
05/03/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/07/2024)
05/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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

SB2359 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Maternal And Child Health Services For Children With Special Health Care Needs [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Bridget Valverde (D)

Companion: [HB7334 - Rep. Cotter \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Sam Bell (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Directs the executive office of health and human services to increase Medicaid rates for the Early Intervention and First Connections programs allowing for payment of competitive wages for qualified professionals.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History: 04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/05/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/11/2024)
04/11/2024 Committee continued

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

SB2360 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- The Rhode Island Family Home-Visiting Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Bridget Valverde (D)

Companion: [HB7899 - Rep. Giraldo \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Louis P. DiPalma (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Sam Bell (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Makes the Medicaid rate increase permanent for the first connections family home-visiting program and requires additional information to be added to the annual family home-visiting report.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

History: 04/06/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/11/2024)
04/11/2024 Committee continued

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

SB2379 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Lactation Consultant Practice Act Of 2014 [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Tiara Mack (D)

Companion: [HB7882 - Rep. Henries \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Dawn Euer (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Jonathon Acosta (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Linda Ujifusa (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Specifies the requirements and procedures for licensing lactation consultants as well as the renewal, expiration, termination, refusal, revocation and suspension of licenses.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/26/2024)

03/26/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(5-0\)](#)

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

[SB2424 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety - Parents Bill Of Rights Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Elaine Morgan (R)

Companion: [HB7781 - Rep. Morgan \(R\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Anthony DeLuca (R); Sen. Gordon Rogers (R); Sen. Thomas Paolino (R); Sen. Jessica de la Cruz (R); Sen. Frank A. Ciccone, III (D); Sen. Leonidas P. Raptakis (D); Sen. Frank S. Lombardi (D);

Intro Date: 2/12/2024

Summary: Provides for a parents' bill of rights related to the health, education and welfare of their minor children.

Complete 02/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

History:

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

[SB2513 - An Act Relating To Education -- Health And Safety Of Pupils](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Samuel Zurier (D)

Cosponsors: Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Requires all public schools to screen students for behavioral health concerns by June 30, 2025, and thereafter, all students in the third grade, eighth grade, and students who enroll from a district outside of the state.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education

History: 03/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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

03/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

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

[SB2591 - An Act Relating To Education -- Student Loan Repayment Program](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Alana DiMario (D)

Companion: [HB8048 - Rep. Shallcross Smith \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Creates the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority which would allow eligible individual to discharge student loan debt.

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

History: 03/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/28/2024)

03/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)

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

[SB2597 - An Act Relating To Education -- The Educational Equity And Property Tax Relief Act](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. V. Susan Sosnowski (D)

Companion: [HB7545 - Rep. Shallcross Smith \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Frank S. Lombardi (D); Sen. Hanna M. Gallo (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Provides for an appropriation by the general assembly in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to the various school districts and municipalities to employ additional social workers.

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

History:

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

[SB2608 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Office Of Health And Human Services](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Alana DiMario (D)

Companion: [HB7900 - Rep. Fogarty \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Pamela Lauria (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D);

Intro Date: 3/1/2024

Summary: Requires executive office of health and human services to establish an early childhood mental health hub program focused on improving access to infant and early childhood mental health services for children under age 6 and their families.

Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services

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

04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/30/2024)
04/30/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(5-0\)](#)
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2627 - An Act Relating To Food And Drugs -- Healthy Kids Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Pamela Lauria (D)
Companion: [HB7233 - Rep. Donovan \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Victoria Gu (D); Sen. Mark McKenney (D); Sen. Robert Britto (D); Sen. Walter S. Felag, Jr. (D);
Intro Date: 3/1/2024
Summary: Mandates that all restaurants offering children's meals offer at least two (2) children's meals that complies with certain detailed nutritional standards set forth in the act.
Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
History: 03/22/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/26/2024)
03/26/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(5-0\)](#)
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB2628 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- The Rhode Island Comprehensive Health Insurance Program [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sam Bell (D)
Companion: [HB8242 - Rep. Morales \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Sen. Linda Ujifusa (D); Sen. Ana Quezada (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Tiara Mack (D);
Intro Date: 3/1/2024
Summary: Establishes a universal, comprehensive, affordable single-payer health care insurance program and helps control health care costs, which would be referred to as, "the Rhode Island Comprehensive Health Insurance Program" (RICHIP).
Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
History:
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2703 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Rhode Island'S Children Deserve Help Not Harm Act -- Minor'S Gender Transition [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Elaine Morgan (R)
Companion: [HB7884 - Rep. Morgan \(R\)](#)
Intro Date: 3/1/2024
Summary: Prohibits gender transition procedures for all minors, uses of public funds for that purpose, discipline for health care providers for providing same, a thirty (30) year statute of limitation, right to a civil action for damages.
Complete 03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
History:
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

SB2712 - An Act Relating To Financial Institutions -- Rhode Island Fair Debt Collection Practices Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Mark McKenney (D)
Cosponsors: Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D);
Intro Date: 3/5/2024
Summary: Authorizes an appropriation from ARPA to allow the governor to contract with a nonprofit entity for purposes of purchasing and retiring large portfolios of medical debt, for the benefit of the people of the state who meet certain debt or income amounts.
Complete 03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
History: 04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/05/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/11/2024)
04/11/2024 Committee continued
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

SB2714 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Licensing Of Healthcare Facilities [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Pamela Lauria (D)
Companion: [HB7702 - Rep. Speakman \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Sen. Joshua Miller (D); Sen. Alana DiMario (D); Sen. Valerie Lawson (D); Sen. Ryan W. Pearson (D); Sen. Bridget Valverde (D); Sen. Linda Ujifusa (D); Sen. Matthew LaMountain (D); Sen. Melissa Murray (D); Sen. Sandra Cano (D);
Intro Date: 3/5/2024
Summary: Requires all hospitals to screen uninsured patients for eligibility for public health programs and financial assistance under Medicare and Medicaid.
Complete 03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
History: 03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/19/2024)
03/19/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study [\(7-0\)](#)
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

SB3045 - An Act Relating To Education -- Health And Safety Of Pupils [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Sen. Sandra Cano (D)
Companion: [HB8094-A - Rep. Caldwell \(D\)](#)
Intro Date: 5/3/2024
Summary: Directs that for a period of two years, the board of education would waive the whole grain requirements for meals served in public schools, for purposes of receiving reimbursement under federal law.
Complete 05/03/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
History: 05/03/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (05/08/2024)

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

HB7035 - An Act Relating To Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities And Hospitals -- Community Mental Health Services [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith (D)

Companion: [SB2066 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Julie Casimiro (D); Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D); Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. David Bennett (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Anthony DeSimone (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Deborah J. Fellela (D); Rep. Matthew Dawson (D);

Intro Date: 1/5/2024

Summary: Appropriates \$1,875,000 for the creation of a 9-8-8 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline within the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals (BHDDH).

Complete 01/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History:

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

HB7195 - An Act Relating To Education -- Health And Safety Of Pupils [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph McNamara (D)

Companion: [SB2515 - Sen. Cano \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Thomas Noret (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Brian Rea (R); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Mia Ackerman (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D);

Intro Date: 1/17/2024

Summary: Establishes a one-year pilot outreach and tracking program at two public high and middle schools to address issues of asthma and attendance among students.

Complete 01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education

History: 03/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/01/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/06/2024)

03/06/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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

HB7204 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- The Healthcare Services Funding Plan Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Ann Shallcross Smith (D)

Companion: [SB2072 - Sen. DiMario \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Carol Hagan McEntee (D); Rep. Terri Cortvriend (D); Rep. Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung (R); Rep. Kathleen Fogarty (D);

Intro Date: 1/17/2024

Summary: Amends RI's existing Healthcare Services Funding Plan Act by adding an account relating to a new Psychiatry Resource Network to fund RI's present PediPRN and MomsPRN, as well as similar programs which may be added by regulation in the future.

Complete 01/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance

History: 04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing

04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing](#) (05/01/2024)

05/01/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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

HB7233 - An Act Relating To Food And Drugs -- Healthy Kids Act [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Susan Donovan (D)

Companion: [SB2627 - Sen. Lauria \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. Tina Spears (D); Rep. Lauren Carson (D); Rep. Edward Cardillo (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Kathleen Fogarty (D); Rep. Thomas Noret (D); Rep. Mary Messier (D); Rep. Carol Hagan McEntee (D);

Intro Date: 1/19/2024

Summary: Establishes the Healthy Kids Act whereby restaurants would be required to offer at least two (2) healthy versions of children's meals, or twenty-five percent (25%) of the children's meals on its menu, whichever is greater.

Complete 01/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

History: 03/08/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/12/2024)

03/12/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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

HB7334 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Maternal And Child Health Services For Children With Special Health Care Needs [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Megan Cotter (D)

Companion: [SB2359 - Sen. Valverde \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D); Rep. Lauren Carson (D); Rep. Katherine S Kazarian (D); Rep. Julie Casimiro (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Brandon Voas (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D);

Intro Date: 1/26/2024

Summary: Directs the executive office of health and human services to increase Medicaid rates for the Early Intervention and First Connections programs allowing for payment of competitive wages for qualified professionals.

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

History: 04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing](#) (05/01/2024)

05/01/2024 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

[HB7364 - An Act Relating To Insurance -- Accident And Sickness Insurance Policies](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Brian Patrick Kennedy (D)

Companion: [SB2082 - Sen. Murray \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Katherine S Kazarian (D); Rep. John G. Edwards (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D); Rep. Samuel A. Azzinaro (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Patricia A. Serpa (D); Rep. Mia Ackerman (D); Rep. William W. O'Brien (D); Rep. Megan Cotter (D);

Intro Date: 1/31/2024

Summary: Caps amount payable for 30 day supply of equipment/supplies for insulin administration/glucose monitoring at \$25 or equipment designed to last more than 30 days with no deductible commencing January 1, 2025.

Complete 01/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

History: 02/23/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (02/29/2024)

02/29/2024 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

[HB7577 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Health Care Provider Shield Bill](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. John G. Edwards (D)

Companion: [SB2262-A - Sen. Euer \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Edith H. Ajello (D); Rep. Joseph McNamara (D); Rep. Katherine S Kazarian (D); Rep. Jason Knight (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Robert Craven, Sr. (D); Rep. Carol Hagan McEntee (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D);

Intro Date: 2/9/2024

Summary: Enacts the Health Care Provider Shield Bill, precluding any individual from interfering with another's access to transgender health care services and reproductive health care services.

Complete 02/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

History: 03/01/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/05/2024)

03/05/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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

[HB7874 - An Act Relating To Insurance -- Accident And Sickness Insurance Policies](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D)

Companion: [SB2607 - Sen. DiMario \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. Kathleen Fogarty (D); Rep. Grace Diaz (D); Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D);

Intro Date: 3/4/2024

Summary: Requires coverage for acute mental health crisis mobile response and stabilization services to any individual enrolled as a plan beneficiary.

Complete 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services

History: 03/15/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/19/2024)

03/19/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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

[HB7882 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Lactation Consultant Practice Act Of 2014](#) [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Brianna Henries (D)

Companion: [SB2379 - Sen. Mack \(D\)](#)

Cosponsors: Rep. Jennifer Stewart (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Enrique Sanchez (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Karen Alzate (D); Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D); Rep. Megan Cotter (D); Rep. Kathleen Fogarty (D);

Intro Date: 3/4/2024

Summary: Specifies the requirements and procedures for licensing lactation consultants as well as the renewal, expiration, termination, refusal, revocation and suspension of

licenses.
Complete 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services
History: 03/08/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (03/12/2024)
03/12/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7884 - An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Rhode Island'S Children Deserve Help Not Harm Act -- Minor'S Gender Transition [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Patricia Morgan (R)
Companion: [SB2703 - Sen. Morgan \(R\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Robert Quattrocchi (R); Rep. Brian Rea (R);
Intro Date: 3/4/2024
Summary: Prohibits gender transition procedures for all minors, uses of public funds for that purpose, discipline for health care providers for providing same, a thirty (30) year statute of limitation, right to a civil action for damages.
Complete 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services
History: 04/05/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration
04/05/2024 [Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration](#) (04/09/2024)
04/09/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study

HB7895 - An Act Relating To Human Services -- Medical Assistance [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Leonela Felix (D)
Cosponsors: Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Jose Batista (D); Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Teresa Tanzi (D); Rep. John Joseph Lombardi (D); Rep. Rebecca Kislak (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D);
Intro Date: 3/4/2024
Summary: Codifies the Katie Beckett Program pursuant to federal guidelines.
Complete 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
History:
Progress: 1/12 - 1st Chamber Introduced, Referred

HB7900 - An Act Relating To Insurance -- Insurance Coverage For Mental Illness And Substance Use Disorders [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Kathleen Fogarty (D)
Companion: [SB2608 - Sen. DiMario \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Terri Cortvriend (D); Rep. Carol Hagan McEntee (D); Rep. Katherine S Kazarian (D); Rep. Megan Cotter (D); Rep. Susan Donovan (D); Rep. June Speakman (D); Rep. Brianna Henries (D); Rep. Raymond Hull (D); Rep. Arthur Handy (D);
Intro Date: 3/4/2024
Summary: Requires the EOHHS to establish an early childhood mental health hub program focused on improving access to infant and early childhood mental health services for children under the age of six years (6) and their families.
Complete 03/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
History: 04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing](#) (05/01/2024)
04/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing
04/27/2024 [Committee postponed at request of sponsor](#) (05/01/2024)
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing

HB7998 - An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Health Care For Children And Pregnant Women [pdf](#)

Sponsor: Rep. Scott Slater (D)
Companion: [SB2161 - Sen. Lauria \(D\)](#)
Cosponsors: Rep. Grace Diaz (D); Rep. Joshua J. Giraldo (D); Rep. Cherie Cruz (D); Rep. David Morales (D); Rep. Brandon Potter (D); Rep. Leonela Felix (D);
Intro Date: 3/5/2024
Summary: Provides children from birth through age five (5) with continuous coverage eligibility for Rlte Track/Rlte Care so that they are not at risk of losing coverage at the yearly redetermination due solely to administrative barriers.
Complete 03/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
History: 04/26/2024 [Scheduled for hearing](#) (05/01/2024)
05/01/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
Progress: 2/12 - 1st Chamber Scheduled for hearing / Study