

**LEGISLATION IMPACTING ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ENACTED DURING
THE 2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION
RIDE Final Report**

Bill #	Sponsor	Title/Explanation
S – 2396 Sub A H – 7488 Sub A	Senator Goldin Rep. Karzarian	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HOLOCAUST GENOCIDE EDUCATION (Requires the inclusion of instruction on holocaust and genocide studies. All students should have received instruction on genocide and holocaust awareness materials by the time they have graduated from high school.)
S –2426 Sub A H – 7154 Sub A	Senator Goldin Rep. Canario	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- FREEDOM FROM PRONE RESTRAINT ACT (Prohibits the use of prone restraint in certain covered facilities licensed or certified by the state, and would create a study commission to study the restraint reporting requirements of covered facilities.)
S – 2735 H – 8178	Senator Pichardo Rep. Tanzi	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- BILITERACY SEAL (Establishes a state seal of biliteracy to recognize high school graduates who have attained a high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more languages in addition to English.)
S – 2022 H – 7845 Sub A	Senator Picard Rep. O’Brien	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE (Broadens the law on compulsory school attendance so that it would apply to all children enrolled in kindergarten.)
S – 2168 as amended H-7056 as amended	Senator Pichardo Rep. Diaz	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - SCHOOL COMMITTEES AND SUPERINTENDENTS (Directs school superintendents to review discipline data to determine unequal impact on students based on race/ethnicity/disability status and respond to any disparity and sets out of school supervision standards.)
S – 2170 Sub A H – 8328	Senator Felag Rep. McKiernan	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Provides that a school department permit each school within their jurisdiction to maintain epinephrine in cartridge injections to administer on an emergency basis to students.) {LC3212/A/1}
S – 2172 Sub A H – 7583 Sub A	Senator Satchell Rep. Handy	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires that all school districts develop and maintain a written policy relating to the use of internet filtering measures for computer access in schools.)
S –2368 as amended H – 7516 as amended	Senator Doyle Rep. Johnston	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS -- CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE (Requires posting in every public school of a sign providing the telephone number of the child abuse hotline.)

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S – 2391 Sub A H – 7050 Sub A	Senator DaPonte Rep. Azzinaro	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Appropriate public education made available to a disabled child until their twenty-first birthday or completion of program in which they are enrolled as of their twenty-first birthday.)
S – 2494 Sub A H – 7275 Sub A	Senator Ruggerio Rep. Malik	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Requires all high and middle schools to have automated external defibrillators (AEDs) on site for daily use, for school sponsored activities and athletic events for use in emergencies. Someone trained in the use of the AED would be present at each event. This act shall take effect on August 1, 2017.)
S – 2554	Senator Metts	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT (Requires the board of education to adopt a state goal of closing the achievement gaps in third grade reading and math.)
S – 2669 Sub A as amended H – 7644 Sub as amended	Senator Coyne Rep. Fogarty	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- CURRICULUM -- FREE PLAY RECESS (All children attending public schools or any other schools managed or controlled by the state, that has elementary grades kindergarten through six (6) shall receive in those schools at least twenty (20) minutes of supervised and safe free play recess each day.)
S – 2867 Sub A H - 8113	Senator Pichardo Rep. Barros	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- PUBLIC PREPARATORY ACADEMIES (Authorizes the cities of Providence and Central Falls to create an alternative academy for students having difficulty in traditional public school settings.)
S- 3075 Sub A as amended H – 7051 Sub A	Senator Gallo Rep. Serpa	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Requires local written support granted by the city/town council of a sending district, for a proposed network charter school, and would require the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education to place substantial weight on the impact of the sending districts when considering a proposed charter or expansion of a charter school.)
H – 7052	Rep. O’Brien	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION (Adds dyslexia-targeted assistance as a required aspect of the literacy program for students at the elementary grade level.)
H – 7657	Rep. Palangio	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Modifies types of healthy foods/beverages sold to students per federal law with exceptions for career/technical schools with culinary arts/food service programs based on new definitions.)
H – 8005	Rep. McLaughlin	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PUPILS (Allows school districts to maintain an annual registry for students requiring bus transportation to school. The purpose of this registration would be to assist each district's bus transportation plan to be more cost-efficient.)
H – 8082	Rep. Canario	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - OPERATORS' AND CHAUFFEURS' LICENSES - SCHOOL BUS DRIVER ANNUAL TRAINING (Requires that school bus drivers' annual training include the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's school bus driver in-service training series.)

H – 8308 Sub A	Rep. Amore	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- THE RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT (This act authorizes RIDE to conduct a comprehensive study on a unified approach to statewide education.)
Bill #	Sponsor	Title/Explanation
S – 2282 H – 7983	Senator Nesselbush Rep. Shekarchi	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - TEACHING AFTER RETIREMENT (Allows retired members of the state retirement system who are certified as substitute teachers to substitute teach not more than ninety (90) days a year without reduction in retirement benefits.)
S – 2816 H - 7720	Senator Morgan Rep. Price	ENTITLED, AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 286 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1986, ENTITLED "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWNS OF CHARLESTOWN, RICHMOND AND HOPKINTON, TO JOIN A REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, INCORPORATING SAID REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A REGIONAL SCHOOL FOR THE JOINT USE OF THE PARTICIPATING TOWNS, WITHIN SAID REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTABLISHED BY THIS ACT, " AS AMENDED (Bases the composition of the Chariho Regional School on more recent population schedules.)
S – 2145 Sub A	Senator DaPonte	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION - CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES (this act would increase the amount of state aid for children placed in foster care group homes or other residential facility by a Rhode Island agency, including Bradley Hospital)
S – 2254 as amended 7446 Sub A as amended	Senator McCaffrey Rep. Caven	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - AUTOMATED SCHOOL ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM (Authorizes department of transportation and municipalities to operate automated school zone speed enforcement systems.)
S – 2476 as amended H – 8035 Sub A	Senator Conley Rep. Amore	ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE BOARD RHODE ISLAND (Requires the governor's workforce board to expand job and career opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.)