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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, INTERNET, & TECHNOLOGY

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 8, 2026  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM  
**PLACE:** Room 135 - State House

### SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7032](#)

**BY** Speakman, Ajello, Kislak, Donovan, Cotter, Casimiro, Felix, Batista, McGaw,  
Potter

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- STUDENT COMPUTER DEVICE PRIVACY {LC3565/1} (Prohibits an educational institution or school district from accessing or using location data for tracking a student's institutional device or personal device, except in limited circumstances.)

01/09/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/05/2026 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/03/2026 Scheduled for consideration



### SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

House Bill No. [7119](#)

**BY** J. Lombardi, Hull, Sanchez, Cruz, Stewart

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT {LC3770/1} (Requires DOA provide inventory of all state agencies using artificial intelligence (AI); establishes a 13 member permanent commission to monitor the use of AI in state government and makes recommendations for state government policy and other decisions.)

01/15/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [7350](#)

**BY** Spears, Carson, Messier, Speakman, Shanley, McEntee, Baginski, Kazarian, Cotter,  
Donovan

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW--GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COMPANION MODELS {LC4590/1} (Creates additional safety features for AI companion technology that include addressing suicidal ideation, potential physical harm or financial harm to others expressed by a user. It also requires notification the AI companion does not have human emotions.)

01/28/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



House Bill No. [7543](#)

**BY** Voas, Potter, O'Brien, Slater, Read

**ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- INTERNET ACCESS AND ADVERTISING BY FACSIMILE {LC4085/1} (Requires that video or photography generated by artificial intelligence or "AI" that is posted on a public platform contain a marking disclosing that it has been generated by AI.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [7544](#)**

**BY Casimiro, J. Brien, Hopkins, Furtado, Potter  
ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS --  
STATE PURCHASES {LC4771/1} (Prohibits state agencies from entering into software  
contracts that limit the agency's ability to install or run the software of the agency's  
choosing on their hardware.)

02/06/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

02/27/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/03/2026 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [7632](#)**

**BY Cotter, Spears, Chippendale, Caldwell, Speakman, Carson, McNamara, McGaw,  
Read, Noret  
ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL  
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- AGE-APPROPRIATE DESIGN CODE {LC5126/1}  
(Requires that any covered entity that develops/provides online services, products, or  
features that children are reasonably likely to access shall consider the best interest of  
children when designing/developing such online service, product, or feature.)

02/11/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [7746](#)**

**BY Caldwell, Cotter, Spears, Speakman, Shanley, Giraldo, Roberts, Read, Slater,  
Knight  
ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL  
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND CHILDREN'S ONLINE SAFETY  
ACT {LC3734/1} (Provides protections to children using online platforms by requiring  
platforms to turn off open chats by default for young users, and requires parent to  
approve children's financial transactions on gaming and social media sites.)

02/12/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



**House Bill No. [7953](#)**

**BY Spears, Boylan, Cortvriend, Tanzi, Casimiro, McEntee, Potter, McNamara, Read,  
McGaw  
ENTITLED,**

AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LAW -- GENERAL  
REGULATORY PROVISIONS -- RHODE ISLAND SOCIAL MEDIA REGULATION  
ACT {LC5048/1} (Creates the Rhode Island Social Media Regulation act, which would  
not permit a Rhode Island resident who is a minor to be an account holder on a social  
media's platform.)

02/27/2026 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet, & Technology

04/03/2026 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration



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