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RIDDC State Legislative Report – 2024 Session – March 25, 2024

Bills Being Tracked by RIDDC			
Bill #	Short Description of Bill		Current Status of Bill
HB 7021	An Act Relating To Education -- Children With Disabilities Provides that parents and guardians of children with disabilities in private school have the same rights and remedies as parents/guardians of children in public school.		1/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education 1/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (01/24/2024) 1/24/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
SB 2095			1/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary
HB 7028	An Act Relating To Human Services -- Health Care For Elderly And Disabled Residents Act Increases the income limits for disabled individuals to one hundred eighty percent of the federal poverty level to qualify for medical assistance coverage.		1/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
SB 2311			2/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
HB 7040	An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles -- Operators' And Chauffeurs' Licenses Requires the DMV to create a blue envelope program for drivers with autism.		1/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services 3/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/05/2024) 3/05/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
SB 2481			2/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs 3/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/06/2024) 3/06/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
HB 7062	An Act Relating To Towns And Cities -- Zoning Ordinances Amends several sections of law relating to zoning ordinances to provide uniform zoning standards for accessory dwelling units.		1/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing 1/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (01/25/2024) 1/25/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study 1/26/2024 Scheduled for consideration (02/01/2024) 2/01/2024 Committee recommends passage 2/09/2024 Placed on House Calendar (02/14/2024) 2/14/2024 House read and passed 3/01/2024 Referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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Bill #	Short Description of Bill		Current Status of Bill
HB 7063	An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Rhode Island Housing And Resources Act Of 1998		1/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing 1/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (01/25/2024) 1/25/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
SB 2186	Incorporates universal design principals into new construction of low- and moderate-income housing to provide greater accessibility for persons with disabilities.		1/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government 3/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/14/2024) 3/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
HB 7071	An Act Relating To Elections -- Mail Ballots Authorizes early voting for the fourteen (14) calendar days immediately preceding election day, while requiring, as is practicable, that all the election day protections and procedures be afforded to early voters.		1/05/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections 1/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (01/23/2024) 1/23/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
HJR 7094	Joint Resolution Amending The Joint Resolution Creating A Permanent Legislative Commission On Child Care In Rhode Island This resolution would amend the commission name, membership, appointment process, purpose, funding allowance designation, timeline for membership, and meeting schedules.		1/10/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services 1/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (01/30/2024) 1/30/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
SJR 2331	(Adds Executive Director of RIDDC or designee to Commission)		2/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
HB 7155	An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Police Officers - Commission On Standards And Training Requires mandatory training standards for police officers and trainees, in identifying, responding, and handling all incidents involving any person with a developmental disability.		1/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services 2/01/2024 Withdrawn at sponsor's request
SB 2021	An Act Relating To Labor And Labor Relations -- Minimum Wages		1/10/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Labor wages law.
HB 7532	Allows individuals employed in domestic service or in or about a private home to be included as an employee, for purposes of minimum		2/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor 3/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/27/2024)
HJR 7156	Joint Resolution Creating A Special		1/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health

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HB 7159	An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Departments Of State Government		1/11/2024 Introduced, referred to House Innovation, Internet & Technology 1/19/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (01/25/2024) 1/25/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
SB 2037	State websites to comply with WCAG 2.2 standards by July 1, 2026.		1/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce 3/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/05/2024) 3/05/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
SB 2063	An Act Relating To Taxation -- Property Tax Relief		1/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
HB 7208	Increases the income range up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) and tax credit up to eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850), for elderly and disabled persons who own or rent their homes.		1/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
SB 2085	An Act Relating To Insurance - Accident And Sickness Insurance Policies		1/12/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services
HB 7197	Increases insurance coverage for hearing aids from one thousand five hundred dollars to two thousand dollars, per ear, every three years for all people regardless of age.		1/17/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services 3/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/19/2024) 3/19/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
SB 2112	An Act Relating To Probate Practice And Procedure -- Limited Guardianship And Guardianship of Adults		1/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary 3/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/26/2024)
HB 7239	Provides that supported decision-making pursuant to chapter 66.13 of title 42 be added to the Limited Guardianship and Guardianship of Adults forms section as one of the less restrictive alternatives to guardianship that have been explored.		1/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary 1/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/01/2024) 2/01/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study 3/08/2024 Scheduled for consideration (03/12/2024) 3/12/2024 Committee recommends passage 3/15/2024 Placed on House Calendar (03/19/2024) 3/19/2024 House read and passed

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Bill #	Short Description of Bill		Current Status of Bill
HB 7214	An Act Relating To Education -- Health And Safety Of Pupils--Seizure Safe Schools Act Requires the departments of elementary and secondary education and health to adopt policies/rules/regulations for the administration of seizure rescue medications for children who have been medically identified as having epilepsy/seizure disorder.		1/18/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education 1/26/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (01/31/2024) 1/31/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
HB 7250	An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act Amends the term "extraordinary costs" for the purposes of excess costs associated with special education students. The new definition of extraordinary costs would be educational costs that are over 3 times the average statewide special education cost.		1/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
HB 7252	An Act Relating To Education -- The Education Equity And Property Tax Relief Act		1/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
SB 2162	Amend the calculation of state funding provided to local education agencies for special education services		1/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
HB 7253	An Act Relating To Education -- Higher Education Opportunities For Students With Disabilities		1/19/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
SB 2290	Establishes the Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Disabilities Act.		2/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education
SB 2144	An Act Relating To Education -- Children With Disabilities Requires transition planning for high school students with disabilities, who have a "504" plan, like the transition planning required for high school students with disabilities, who have an individualized education program (IEP).		1/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education 3/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/20/2024) 3/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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Bill #	Short Description of Bill		Current Status of Bill
SB 2142	An Act Relating To Education -- Rhode Island Early Care And Education Workforce Data Act		1/24/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education 3/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/20/2024) 3/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
HB 7291	Codifies the previously funded Rhode Island early care and education workforce registry data system. (Does not include Early Intervention)		1/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education 2/02/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/06/2024) 2/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
HB 7298	An Act Relating To Human Services -- Medical Assistance -- Long-Term Care Service And Finance Reform		1/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
SB 2309	All Medicaid programs operated by EOHHS would not reimburse home care providers less than fee-for-service rates adopted by rate review recommendations of the office of health insurance commissioners.		2/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
HB 7332	An Act Relating To Public Officers And Employees -- Insurance Benefits Allows private employees at nursing homes, developmental disability and home care providers whose salaries are 90% funded with federal or state monies to be eligible to opt into the state healthcare plan.		1/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
HB7333	An Act Relating To Human Services -- Medicare Savings Programs Expands eligibility for the qualified Medicare beneficiary program by increasing the income limit from 100% to 138% of the federal poverty line.		1/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
HB7334	An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Maternal And Child Health Services For Children With Special Health Care Needs		1/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
SB 2359	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.		2/12/202 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

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Bill #	Short Description of Bill		Current Status of Bill
HB7336	<p>An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- The Office Of Early Childhood Development And Learning</p> <p>Establishes the office of early childhood development and learning to manage a statewide early learning system for children from birth through age five (5), and ensure all children enter school ready to learn. (Does not include Early Intervention)</p>		<p>1/26/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance</p>
HB 7377	<p>An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- State Building Code -- Rhode Island Inclusive Home Design Act</p>		<p>1/31/2024 Introduced, referred to House Municipal Government & Housing</p> <p>3/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/07/2024)</p> <p>3/07/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study</p>
SB 2409	<p>Establishes the Rhode Island Inclusive Home Design Act as a new article in the state building code.</p>		<p>2/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government</p>
HR 7436	<p>House Resolution Creating A Special Legislative Commission To Study The Manner In Which Health Insurance, Disability Insurance, Unemployment Insurance, Retirement Plans And Other Traditional Employer Provided Benefits Are Accorded to Uber and Lyft Drivers, Self Employed Individuals, and Other Individuals Engaged in Providing Services to the Public</p> <p>This resolution creates a 5 member commission to study various insurance and benefit plans provided to Uber, Lyft, and self-employed drivers, and would report back by January 5, 2025, and expire on March 5, 2025.</p>		<p>2/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Corporations</p> <p>2/09/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/14/2024)</p> <p>2/14/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study</p>
HB 7438	<p>An Act Relating To Education -- Children With Disabilities</p>		<p>2/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education</p> <p>2/23/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/28/2024)</p> <p>2/28/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study</p>
SB 2512	<p>Establishes a task force managed by the children's cabinet to develop recommendations to improve access to early intervention and early childhood special education services.</p>		<p>3/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education</p> <p>3/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/20/2024)</p> <p>3/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study</p>

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Bill #	Short Description of Bill		Current Status of Bill
HB 7476	An Act Relating To Elections -- Statewide Referenda Elections Amends certain election statutes to require ballot questions be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by persons with an eighth-grade reading level.		2/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections 3/22/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/26/2024)
SB 2447			2/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary 3/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/07/2024) 3/07/2024 Committee recommends passage 3/08/2024 Placed on Senate Calendar (03/14/2024) 3/14/2024 Senate read and passed 3/15/2024 Referred to House State Government & Elections
HB 7490	An Act Relating To Human Services -- The Rhode Island Family Caregiver Tax Credit Act		2/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
SB 2375	Establishes a tax credit against income tax based on eligible expenses incurred for care and support of an eligible family member.		2/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
HB 7519	An Act Relating To Insurance -- Accident And Sickness Insurance Policies -- Health Care Accessibility And Quality Assurance Act Provides that dental services rendered to patients would be reimbursed by standards governed by the general laws of Rhode Island.		2/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services 3/24/2024 Committee transferred to House Corporations
HB 7561	An Act Relating To Education -- Curriculum Enables cities and towns to enact enabling legislation authorizing a partner program to assist students with an IEP for specially designed physical education classes.		2/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education 3/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/06/2024) 3/02/2024 Committee postponed at request of sponsor (03/06/2024) 3/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/13/2024) 3/13/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
SB 2280			2/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education 3/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/20/2024) 3/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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Bill #	Short Description of Bill		Current Status of Bill
HB 7591	An Act Relating To Public Finance -- Medical Assistance And Public Assistance Caseload Estimating Conferences Requires that the department of human services and the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals provide forecasted costs reflecting the recommended rate review on a monthly basis.		2/09/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
SB 2324	An Act Relating To Human Services -- Public Assistance Act Provides for an annual increase of supplemental income for individuals and couples living alone, in accordance with the consumer price index for urban consumers over the average for the previous calendar year, commencing July 1, 2025.		2/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance
HB 7852			3/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
SB 2380	An Act Relating To Human Services -- Medical Assistance -- Prescription Drugs Prohibits prior authorization or a step therapy protocol for the prescription of a nonpreferred medication on their drug formulary used to assess or treat an enrollee's bipolar disorder, schizophrenia or schizotypal or epilepsy or seizure disorder .		2/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services 3/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/05/2024) 3/05/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
HB 7897			3/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance
HB 7612	An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Office Of Health And Human Services Requires school districts to provide the parent/guardian of a student with an individualized education program (IEP) with information concerning the achieving a better life experience (ABLE) account program benefits and the program application process.		2/15/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education 3/01/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/06/2024) 3/06/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
SB 2741			3/08/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education 3/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/20/2024) 3/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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HB 7721	An Act Relating To Education -- Children With Disabilities		2/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House Education 3/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/13/2024) 3/13/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
SB 2526	Outlines the requirements and process for LEAs to get written parental consent before conducting an evaluation or making an initial placement of a student in a special education program of services.		3/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education 3/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/20/2024) 3/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
SJR 2530	Joint Resolution Supporting Continued Focus And Actions For Improved Coordination Between Agencies Responsible For Early Childhood And Early Learning Programs		3/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education 3/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/20/2024) 3/20/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
HJR 7934			3/04/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health & Human Services
SB 2611	An Act Relating To Insurance -- Benefit Determination And Utilization Review Act		3/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
HB 7822	Limits the use by insurers of step therapy, a protocol that establishes a specific sequence in which prescription drugs for a specified medical condition are covered by an insurer, by allowing medical providers to request step therapy exceptions.		3/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health and Human Services 3/15/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/19/2024) 3/19/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study
SB 2618	An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Rhode Island Olmstead Plan Commission Act		3/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Health and Human Services
HB 7821	Creates an Olmstead Plan for people vulnerable to unnecessary institutionalization to update a continuum of care to receive services and supports in the least restrictive environment.		3/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House Health and Human Services 3/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/12/2024) 3/12/2024 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

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Bill #	Short Description of Bill		Current Status of Bill
SB 2650	<p>An Act Relating To Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities And Hospitals -- Department Of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities And Hospitals</p> <p>Expands the deinstitutionalization subsidy aid program in the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals to include adoptive parent(s) or siblings(s).</p>		<p>3/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary</p>
SB2657	<p>An Act Relating To Motor And Other Vehicles -- Parking Facilities And Privileges</p> <p>Includes the governor's commission on disabilities in the decision making process for the disability parking enforcement enhancement program and requires an annual report be submitted to the governor's commission.</p>		<p>3/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary</p>
HB 8030	<p>An Act Relating To Parks And Recreational Areas -- General Provisions</p> <p>Adds to those persons exempt from payment of parking fees at any recreational facility owned and operated by the state those individuals determined by the executive office of HHS, or its designee, to be disabled for purposes of Medicaid eligibility.</p>		<p>3/06/2024 Introduced, referred to House Finance</p>
SB 2840	<p>An Act Relating To Commercial Law -- General Regulatory Provisions -- Consumer Enforcement Of Assistive Technology Device Warranties</p> <p>Requires manufacturers of assisting technology devices to make available to independent repair providers/the owner of the device, any documentation/parts, software/other items intended for use with the equipment/parts, including updates to software.</p>		<p>3/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Commerce</p>

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Bill #	Short Description of Bill		Current Status of Bill
SB 2844	<p>An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- Office Of The Special Education Ombud</p> <p>Establishes the RI ombud for special education who ensures school districts throughout the state meet the minimum standards required to comply with the individualized education programs for students with disabilities.</p>		<p>3/22/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Education</p>

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FY2024 Supplemental Budget			
Bill #	Short Description		Current Status
HB 7224 — is a bill introduced by the Chair of the House Committee on Finance, Marvin Abney (at the request of the Governor), which contains the Governor's proposed supplemental budget request for the current fiscal year.			
HB 7224 Article 1 Section 1	<p>Reappropriation – Developmental Disabilities System State Infrastructure and Technology Acquisition:</p> <p>Increase of \$2.9 million in general revenue for the automatic reappropriation of unspent FY 2023 funds associated with <i>the Developmental Disability Consent Decree Transformation and Technology Funds</i>. The level of reappropriation originally recommended for these items in August 2023 was \$5.2 million in general revenue, but further consultation with the agency has determined \$2.9 million to be the more appropriate funding level.</p>		<p>1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance</p> <p>3/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/14/2024)</p> <p>3/14/2024 Heard by House Finance Sub-Committee on Human Services</p>

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FY2024 Supplemental Budget

Bill #	Short Description		Current Status
HB 7224 Article 1 Section 1	<p>Private Community Developmentally Disabled Services Program Caseload Adjustments Caseload Adjustments:</p> <p>Recommended budget is predicated on the November 2023 Caseload Estimating Conference estimate of \$442.8 million, including \$246.6 million from federal funds and \$196.3 million from general revenue, \$10.4 million more in general revenue than the enacted FY 2024 Budget.</p>		<p>1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance</p> <p>3/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/14/2024)</p> <p>3/14/2024 Heard by House Finance Sub-Committee on Human Services</p>
HB 7224 Article 1 Section 1	<p>Conflict Free Case Management:</p> <p>\$2.3 million in total funding for the development and implementation of a Conflict Free Case Management system within the Services for the Developmentally Disabled program. This funding includes \$2.1 million from federal funds and \$233,662 from general revenue, \$59,362 more in general revenue than the enacted FY 2024 Budget.</p>		<p>1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance</p> <p>3/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/14/2024)</p> <p>3/14/2024 Heard by House Finance Sub-Committee on Human Services</p>
HB 7224 Article 1 Section 1	<p>Group Home Maintenance Staff:</p> <p>Increase of \$66,008 in general revenue to facilitate the hiring of new personnel that would oversee the maintenance and upkeep of state-owned group home facilities within the portfolio of the BHDDH.</p>		<p>1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance</p> <p>3/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/14/2024)</p> <p>3/14/2024 Heard by House Finance Sub-Committee on Human Services</p>

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FY2025 Budget

Bill #	Short Description		Current Status
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HJR 7225 — is a joint resolution introduced by the Chair of the House Committee on Finance, Marvin Abney (at the request of the Governor), which contains the Governor's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025.

HJR 7225 Article 1

Services for the Developmentally Disabled

Expenditures by Sub Program	2022 Actuals	2023 Actuals	2024 Enacted Budget	2024 Revised Budget	2025 Recommended
Private Community D.D Services	31,480,587	16,654,502	17,184,455	22,130,146	15,631,381
Private Community DD Services- CEC Estimated	280,444,812	330,726,553	419,546,402	442,841,000	462,360,027
State Operated Res & Comm Svcs	6,985,186	290,528	15,105,923	32,436,949	32,597,738
State Operated Res & Comm Svcs- Medicaid	20,420,532	29,577,418	17,273,226	0	0
Total Expenditures	339,331,117	377,249,000	469,110,006	497,408,095	510,589,146
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	33,088,251	35,655,959	40,341,446	10,529,104	10,794,708
Contract Professional Services	2,749,033	2,824,286	958,032	3,696,157	2,042,588
Operating Supplies and Expenses	16,154,995	758,354	7,535,208	6,497,529	5,265,286
Assistance and Grants	288,610,286	340,067,837	419,660,037	476,556,717	492,211,303
Capital Purchases and Equipment	0	0	0	(389,424)	(37,765)
Subtotal: Operating	340,602,565	379,306,436	468,494,723	496,890,083	510,276,120
Capital Purchases and Equipment	8,108	27,911	615,283	518,012	313,026
Operating Transfers	(1,279,556)	(2,085,347)	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	(1,271,448)	(2,057,436)	615,283	518,012	313,026
Total Expenditures	339,331,117	377,249,000	469,110,006	497,408,095	510,589,146

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FY2025 Budget

Bill #	Short Description		Current Status
HJR 7225 Article 1	<p>Conflict Free Case Management:</p> <p>\$1.1 million in total funding for the development and implementation of a Conflict Free Case Management system within the Services for the Developmentally Disabled program. This funding includes \$103,696 in general revenue and \$962,764 in federal funds.</p>		<p>1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance</p> <p>3/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/14/2024)</p> <p>3/14/2024 Heard by House Finance Sub-Committee on Human Services</p>
HJR 7225 Article 1	<p>Group Home Maintenance Staff:</p> <p>Increase of \$282,014 in general revenue to facilitate the hiring of new personnel that will oversee the maintenance and upkeep of state-owned group home facilities within the portfolio of BHDDH. In coordination with the Department of Administration's Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance, these new positions would work toward addressing deferred maintenance at group home facilities.</p>		<p>1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance</p> <p>3/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/14/2024)</p> <p>3/14/2024 Heard by House Finance Sub-Committee on Human Services</p>
HJR 7225 Article 1	<p>Private Community Developmentally Disabled Services Program Caseload Adjustments:</p> <p>Recommended budget is predicated on the November 2023 Caseload Estimating Conference estimate of \$462.2 million, including \$258.4 million from federal funds and \$203.7 million from general revenue, \$17.8 million more in general revenue than the enacted FY 2024 Budget. This total includes adopted changes to the blended Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate from 54.75 percent to 55.99 percent.</p>		<p>1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance</p> <p>3/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/14/2024)</p> <p>3/14/2024 Heard by House Finance Sub-Committee on Human Services</p>

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FY2025 Budget			
Bill #	Short Description		Current Status
HJR 7225 Article 1	<p>Changes in Budget Presentation for Eleanor Slater Hospital and Rhode Island Community Living and Supports:</p> <p>Recommended budget makes changes in budget presentation for how Medicaid revenue is recognized at the Eleanor Slater Hospital and Rhode Island Community Living and Supports programs.</p>		<p>1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance</p> <p>3/08/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (03/14/2024)</p> <p>3/14/2024 Heard by House Finance Sub-Committee on Human Services</p>
HJR 7225 Article 2 Section 4 & Section 5	<p>Group Home Facility Improvement Fund:</p> <p>Establishes a new restricted receipt account, the Group Home Facility Improvement Fund (GHFIF) within the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals, and amends general law to require the proceeds from the sale of State-owned group homes to be deposited into the GHFIF instead of the Information Technology Restricted Receipt account.</p>		<p>1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance</p> <p>2/02/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/08/2024)</p> <p>2/08/2024 Committee heard testimony</p>
HJR 7225 Article 5 Section 6	<p>Ballot Question 3: Housing and Community Opportunity:</p> <p>Approval of this question would allow the issuance of \$100.0 million in general obligation bonds to support community revitalization, increase production and infrastructure for affordable and middle-income housing, and promote home ownership.</p>		<p>1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance</p> <p>2/16/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/29/2024)</p> <p>2/08/2024 Committee heard testimony</p>

Bills Being Tracked by RIDDC

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Bill #	Short Description		Current Status
HJR 7225 Article 6 Section 10	<p>Transportation Support:</p> <p>For fiscal years 2025 and thereafter, twenty-one percent (21%) of one cent (\$0.0021) per gallon shall be transferred to the Elderly/Disabled Transportation Program of the department of human services, and seventy nine percent (79%) of one cent (\$0.0079) shall be directly transferred to the Rhode Island public transit authority for the elderly/disabled transportation program.</p>		1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance
HJR 7225 Article 9 Section 5(c)	EOHHS will seek federal approval to implement the rate increases recommended in the Social and Human Service Programs Review Final Report from the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) over three years, except for the increase for the Early Intervention services which will be fully implemented in FY2025		<p>1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance</p> <p>2/16/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/28/2024)</p> <p>2/28/2024 Committee heard testimony</p>
HJR 7225 Article 9 Section 5(d)	Empower EOHHS to pursue any changes to the Medicaid program that “promote, increase and enhance service quality, access and cost-effectiveness”.		<p>1/18/2024 Introduced and referred to House Finance</p> <p>2/16/2024 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration (02/28/2024)</p> <p>2/28/2024 Committee heard testimony</p>

Scheduled for hearing:**Committee****Bills/Agenda****SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY****DATE:** Tuesday, March 26, 2024**TIME:** 4:00 PM**PLACE:** Room 313 - State House**Senate Bill No. [2112](#)**

BY de la Cruz, Bissaillon, F. Lombardi, LaMountain, Zurier, Rogers, E Morgan, Paolino, DeLuca, Burke
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PROBATE PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE -- LIMITED GUARDIANSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF ADULTS {LC3751/1} (Provides that supported decision-making pursuant to chapter 66.13 of title 42 be added to the Limited Guardianship and Guardianship of Adults forms section as one of the less restrictive alternatives to guardianship that have been explored.)

01/12/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT & ELECTIONS**DATE:** Tuesday, March 26, 2024**TIME:** Rise of the House**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House**House Bill No. [7476](#)**

(Secretary of State)

BY Shanley, Dawson, Edwards, Bennett, Casimiro, McNamara, Baginski, Craven, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- STATEWIDE REFERENDA ELECTIONS {LC4673/1} (Amends certain election statutes to require ballot questions be written in plain language reasonably calculated to be understood by persons with an eighth-grade reading level.)

02/02/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [7756](#)

(Board of Elections)

BY Dawson, Shanley, O'Brien

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC5176/1}

(Establishes a three (3) day transmittal period after the deadline for local boards to accept mail ballot applications, if delivered via the postal service.)

02/28/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

House Bill No. [7850](#)

BY P. Morgan, Quattrocchi, Rea, Nardone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS {LC4566/1}

(Establishes election day as a day of special observation in the State of Rhode Island. The act would also restrict the use of mail ballots in elections.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to House State Government & Elections

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

Scheduled for hearing:**Committee****Bills/Agenda****HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR**

DATE: Wednesday, March 27, 2024

TIME: 4:00 PM

PLACE: Room 101 - State House

House Bill No. **7532**

BY Felix, Messier, Alzate, McNamara, Stewart, Cardillo, Henries, Potter, McEntee, Tanzi

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- MINIMUM WAGES {LC4026/1} (Allows individuals employed in domestic service or in or about a private home to be included as an employee, for purposes of minimum wages law.)

02/07/2024 Introduced, referred to House Labor

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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2024

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 212- State House

Senate Bill No. **2639**

BY Britto, LaMountain, Lawson, Lauria, DiPalma, Ciccone, Felag, McKenney, Bissaillon, Burke

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY {LC4878/1} (Allows municipalities that issue tax bills via mail to develop programs to provide adequate notice through other digital means.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Housing and Municipal Government

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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2024

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 313 - State House

Senate Bill No. **2686**

BY Cano

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- OPEN MEETINGS {LC4748/1} (Requires public bodies to offer translation services for all open meetings of said bodies.)

03/01/2024 Introduced, referred to Senate Judiciary

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

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