

Bills Affecting Higher Education - 2007 Session

Bill #	Reference	Introduced By	Committee	Interested Party	Hearing Date	Follow-Up	Status	Companion Bill
S-009	Charitable Giving	Paiva-Weed, Jabour, Alves, Goodwin, Perry	Finance	Carothers, Beagle, Kerkian	Floor Vote 2/28 Hse		Signed by Governor 3/29	H-5114
S-010	Police Officer incentive pay with PhD	Tasoni, Moura, Maselli, Lanzi	Finance	Weygand, Wyman			Currently does not include campus police	
S-030	Family & Medical Leave	Tassoni, Moura, Maselli, Lanzi	Labor	Coleman, Kenerson	3/21/07		Cont'd	
S-041	State Leases 3+ yrs. >\$300k approved by Gen'l Assembly	Alves, Montalbano, McCaffrey, Walaska, Paiva-Weed	Finance	Weygand, Wyman	4/10/07		Continued	
S-067	Retirement Benefits	Tassoni, Lanzi, Ruggerio, Ciccone	Finance	Coleman			withdrawn @ sponsor's request	
S-083	State/agency cannot destroy or alter agricultural land	Blais, Breene, Sosnowski	Environment & Agriculture	Weygand, Wyman				
S-110	Education benefits for disabled vets	Lanzi, Ciccone, Badeau, Felag, Miller	Finance	Carothers, Weygand, Barrett	5/8/07			
S-113	Trans Fats	Sosnowski, Perry, Blais, Lanzi	HHS	Dougan, Gianquitti	4/4/07			S-172, H-5072
S-137	Add Campus Police to definition for relief of injured & deceased	Connors, DaPonte, Maselli, McCaffrey, Goodwin	Judiciary	Coleman, Wyman	4/3/07		Further Study	H-5045
S-140	Add campus police to police officers bill of rights	Maselli, Moura, Ciccone, Ruggerio, Jabour	Judiciary	Coleman, Wyman	4/12/07			H-5325, H-5979, S-758+136
S-172	Restrict use of transfats	Raptakis, Sosnowski, Blais, Maselli, Gallo	HHS	Dougan, Gianquitti	4/4/07			S-113, H-5072
S-248	Establish Inspector General	Raptakis, Sheehan, Cote, Lenihan, Maselli	Finance	Carothers, Weygand				H-5453
S-249	Veterans eligible for free higher education - space available	Felag	Finance		5/8/07			
S-392	Prohibit purchase of academic degrees without taking coursework	Gallo, Fogarty	Education	Carothers, Swan	4/25/07		Recommends Passage, on calendar	
S-408	Nursing Loan Repayment expand to forgiveness of principal, RNs in licensed nursing facilities	Alves, Paiva-Weed, McBurney, Goodwin, Maselli	Finance	Joseph	4/25/07		Consideration	
S-425	In-State tuition for undocumented immigrants	Pichardo, Metts, Levesque, Perry	Finance	Carothers				H-5308
S-434	Public ees eligible for 20 year tenure	Ruggerio, Ciccone, Moura, Goodwin, Connors	Finance	Coleman				
S-456	Public higher ed use ID card to access RIPTA	Miller, Sosnowski, Connors, Alziere, Gibbs	Housing & Mun Govt	Coleman, Kenerson	3/22/07		Cont'd	H-5918
S-526	Chi Phi House->TI House	Sosnowski, Jabour, Lenihan, Alziere, Sheehan	Constitutional & Regulatory Issues	Carothers, Weygand, Grandin				H-5369
S-554	75% courses taught by tenured faculty	Sosnowski, Moura, Sheehan, Perry	Education	Carothers, Swan, Katz	3/29/07		Cont'd	H-6367
S-558	Research Foundation	Revens, Sosnowski, Jabour, Paiva-Weed, Lenihan	Education	Carothers, Weygand, Swan, Alfonso	3/28/07		Cont'd	H-5455
S-567	Ctr for Health Professions & Health Professionals student loan forgiveness	Pichardo, Miller, Tassoni, Perry, Goodwin	Finance	Joseph				H-5840
S-573	Nursing Loan Repayment forgiveness, appropriate \$250k	Gibbs, Paiva-Weed, Goodwin, Levesque C. Pichardo	Finance	Joseph				
S-577	Report identifying all outside legal services	Fogarty P, Goodwin, Gallo, Perry, Connors	Finance	Saccoccio, Coleman	4/3/07		Recommend Passage	
S-578	Medical & retirement benefits for adjunct faculty employed by state colleges	Sosnowski, Moura, Perry	Finance	Carothers, Weygand, Swan				H-5921
S-592	Carryover unexpended balances	Sosnowski, Jabour, Revens, Lenihan, Alziere	Finance	Carothers, Weygand, Swan				H-5491
S-597	Health Professional Loan Repayment Plan expand to PT, PSW, pharmacy	Sosnowski, Moura, Revens, Perry, Sheenan	Finance	Amaral				
S-613	Public Officers and employees -- retirement system -- contributions and benefits	Ruggerio, McBurney, Perry, Ciccone, Connors	Finance					
S-614	Public officers & employees - Retirement system - define vested & active	Ruggerio, Badeau, Ciccone, Connors, Moura	Finance					
S-621	Land Grant/Sea Grant Match	Sosnowski, Sheehan, Paiva-Weed, Revens, Jabour	Finance	Seemann, Costa-Pierce				

S-677	Employee status verification act -- immigration status	Maselli	Labor		4/25/07		
S-681	Repeal provisions of general laws requiring employees to reside in RI	Levesque C, Ciccone, Moura	Labor	Coleman, Kenerson			H-5216
S-738	Eliminate the prohibition of classified employees from becoming a candidate for state office	Levesque C, Goodwin, DaPonte	Judiciary		4/10/07	Further Study	
S-749	Increase Penalties for Fake IDs	Sosnowski, Felag, Algieri, Perry, Bates	Judiciary	Dougan, Narra Coalition	4/12/07	Recommends Passage	H-6077
S-758	Include campus police in the definition of Law Enforcement Officer	Moura	Judiciary	Weygand, Wyman, Coleman	3/29/07	Further Study	H-5979, H- 5325, S-140
S-784	Tick Control Awareness Day	Sosnowski, Perry, Felag, Goodwin, Walaska	Constitutional & Regulatory Issues	Mather	3/14/2007; Rm 211 @ rise	Senate passed SubA	H-6174
S-790	State Purchases - cannot award contracts to co outside U.S.	DaPonte	Finance				
S-843	Non-Educational workers @ colleges & univ receive unemplovment benefits	Lanzi	Finance		5/1/2007, 5/8	Continued	H-5129
S-863	Congrats to URI livestock Judging Team	Breene, Sosnowski	Immediate Consideration			passed 3/21	
S-898	Garrahy Hall	Sheehan, Revens, Sosnowski, Paiva-Weed, Levesque	Constitutional & Regulatory Issues	Carothers	5/1/07	Senate passed, referred to Hse Const Services	H-6262
S-904	State pay college tuition of children of diabled police & fire	Connors	Finance				
S-920	Wiley Hall	Montalbano, Paiva-Weed, Metts, McBurney, Revens	Constitutional & Regulatory Issues	Carothers			H-6260
S-922	Eddy Hall	Sosnowski, McBurney, Lenihan, Sheehan, Algieri	Constitutional & Regulatory Issues	Carothers			H-6261
S-939	Higher Education Day	Issa, Sosnowski, Algieri, Paiva- Weed	Immediate Consideration			Immediate Consideration	H-6302

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H-5024	Fines for trespass on school property	Corvese, Scudone, Verrill, Malik	Judiciary	Wyman, Drapeau, Baker	3/7/07	postponed		
H-5045	Campus Police added to relief of injured & deceased officers	San Bento, Melo, Silva, Kilmartin	Finance	Weygand, Wyman, Coleman				S-137
H-5064	Matching Grant Funding	Shanley, Dennigan, Lewiss, Scott, Naughton	Finance	Carothers, Beagle, Kerkian	2/14/07		Cont'd	
H-5065	Nursing loan forgiveness	Shanley, Dennigan, Scott, Naughton, Pacheco	Finance	Joseph	2/11/07		Cont'd	
H-5072	Restrict trans fats in prepared/served foods	McNamara, Naughton	H.E.W.	Dougan, Gianquitti	4/11/07		Consideration	S-113, S-172
H-5078	Allow police to collect salary when incapacitated while on duty	Pacheco, Church, Walsh, Ginaitt, Sullivan	Municipal Government	Weygand, Wyman, Kenerson	4/10/07	Watch for amendment; include campus police?	Consideration	
H-5087	Social Security Number Privacy Act	Lima, Serpa, Coderre E, Kennedy, Picard	Judiciary		3/27/07		further study	
H-5090	Allows Arbitrator to consider past practice when contract preserves rights, benefits, or practices between the 2 parties	San Bento, Petrarca	Labor	Coleman	2/6/07		Further study	
H-5110	State employees subject to TDI	Gallison, Malik, Slater, Corvese, Handy	Finance	Coleman	4/26/07		Further Study	
H-5113	Scientific research, creative scholarship, arts/public outreach activities (URI)	Naughton, Sheehan, Lally, McCauley, Church	Finance				Replaced by H-5230	
H-5114	In determining the domicile of taxpayers, charity contributions to RI organizations shall not be considered	Fox, Naughton, Crowley, Dennigan	Finance	Carothers, Beagle, Kerkian	2/27/2007 3/13	Recommend Passage	Governor signed 3/28	S-009
H-5118	Amend health care of state employees & retired employees; and also include those involved in education in the definition of state employees/employers	Malik, Corvese, Rose, Slater, Story	Finance	DNA/ Watch				
H-5129	Noneducational workers at universities to receive unemployment benefits	Gallison, Malik, Gablinske, Slater, Naughton	Labor	Coleman	2/6/07		Further Study	S-843
H-5174	PILOT increase to 27.5%	Mattiello, Jacquard, Lima, Handy, Ucci	Finance					
H-5216	Repeal law requiring RI residency for tenure for classified positions	Pacheco, Ucci, Church, Melo, Kilmartin	Labor	Coleman	4/11/07		Passed SubA 4/26	S-681
H-5230	Enhance URI's capability to conduct scientific research, creative scholarship, public outreach activities	Naughton, Shanley, Lewiss, Scott, San Bento	Finance	Carothers, Swan, Seemann	(2/14)	Replaces H-5113	Further study	
H-5235	Penalties for identity fraud	Brien, Baldelli-Hunt, Kilmartin, Lally, Church	Judiciary		4/3/07			
H-5252	Exempt Coastal Resources Management Council from complying with bidding process when acquiring from URI	Lewis, Shanley, Ginaitt, Malik, Walsh	Finance		26-Apr		Further Study	
H-5277	Open Contracting Act - PLAs	Almeida, Diaz, Slater	Finance	Watch				
H-5286	Add labor, collective bargaining, employee contracts to professional development program at URI	Silva, Lewiss, Vaudreuil, Melo, Shanley	H.E.W.		4/3/07		House passed subA 4/24	
H-5300	Support of the state for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008	Watson, Gorham, McManus, Story, Ehrhardt	Finance	Carothers, Weygand				
H-5307	Privatization of Services	Dennigan, Crowley, Rose, Naughton, Church	Finance	Saccoccio, Carothers, Weygand	5/8/07			
H-5308	Identifying students exempt from paying nonresident tuition - (undocumented immigrants)	Diaz, Slater, Almeida	Finance	Carothers				S-425
H-5315	Privatization of Services	Lima, Coderre E, Slater, San Bento, Wasyluk	Finance	Saccoccio, Carothers, Weygand				
H-5325	Act relating to state affairs & law enforcement officers' Bill of Rights	Lally, Shanley	Judiciary	Coleman, Weygand, Wyman	3/6/07		Further study	S-140, H-5979, S-758
H-5342	Estab Pollution Control Center @ URI	Naughton, Malik, Slater, Lewiss, Gallison	Environment & Nat Resources		4/3/07		Further study	
H-5343	Choice of health care benefits for state employees	Naughton, Slater, Shanley, Scott	Finance	Coleman				

H-5347	Reduce number of years to vest in retirement system from 10 to 5	San Bento, Crowley, Gemma, Coderre E. Shanley	Finance	Coleman			
H-5351	RI H.S. dropout prevention act	McNamara, Diaz, Crowley, Lewiss, Savage	H.E.W.		4/3/07	Passed; on Hse calendar 4/224	
H-5369	Rename URI's Chi Phi Fraternity to Texas Instruments House	Shanley, Pacheco, Scott, Naughton, Lally	Constituent Services	Carothers, Weygand, Grandin	5/1/07	House passed	S-526
H-5379	Parent can get child care assistance if they work at paid employment or attend education training & work 25 hrs per week	Naughton, Handy	Finance	Sovet	4/25/07	Heard	
H-5410	Prohibit hiring of outside lobbyists	Ucci, Petrarca, Gorham	Finance	Carothers, Weygand	5/2/07		
H-5416	Mass Trans fringe benefit; RIPTA commutine costs excluded from tax	Segal, Melo, Rose, Almeida, Pacheco	Finance		4/26/07	Further study	
H-5424	removes prohibition of classified employees from seeking candidacy for an elected state office	Diaz, Slater	Labor		2/28/07	Further study	
H-5453	Establish Inspector General	Moffitt, Savage, Gallison, Trillo, McManus	Finance		4/26/07	Further study	S-248
H-5455	Research Foundation @ URI	Shanley, Lally, Lewiss, pacheco, Scott	Finance	Carothers, Weygand, Swan, Alfonso	5/1/07	Further study	S-558
H-5491	Carryover unexpended balances	Shanley, Lewiss, Lally, Naughton	Finance	Carothers, Weygand	5/1/07	Further study	S-592
H-5494	Interest forgiveness for health workers	Naughton, Slater, San Bento, Ginaitt, Handy	Finance				
H-5497	Limit COLA for state reetirees	Singleton, Story, Scott	Finance				
H-5510	Employees rights to certain inventions	Story	Labor				
H-5560	Prohibit auto renewal of contracts	Gablinske, Vaydreuil, O'Neill, Jackson	Corporations		3/28/07	Further Study	
H-5578	Public Drinking Water Supplies, require cross connection control devices	Ginaitt, Walsh, Naughton, Sullivan	Environment & Nat Resources		4/10/07	Further Study	
H-5583	Nursing Loan Forgiveness - appropriate \$250k	Ginaitt, Walsh, Naughton, Dennigan, Sullivan					
H-5659	Food preparers notify possible presence of seafood/shellfish	Ucci	HEW	Gianquitti, Dougan	3/28/07	Further study	
H-5672	Commission - regenerative Medicine	Naughton, Handy, Ginaitt, Sullivan, O'Neill	HEW	Seemann	4/10/07	House Read & Passed 4/25	
H-5676	Commission - study lyme disease	Winfield, Pacheco, Caprio, Kennedv, Menard	HEW	Mather	4/10/07	House read & passed Amended version 4/26	
H-5699	Alter composition of HRIC -OHE appoint someone	Church, Slater, Dennigan, O'Neill, Segal	Separation of Powers		3/29/07	Consideration	
H-5784	Estab bidding requirements for public works contracts	Lally	Labor		3/14/07	Further study	
H-5785	Contractors on public works contracts ascertain prevailing wage	Lally	Labor		4/11/07	House passed 4/26	
H-5823	Military Reserve education benefits	Sullivan, Carter, Gallison, Loughlin, Moffitt	Finance - transferred to Vets Affairs				
H-5831	Contracts	Singleton, Ehrhardt	Finance				
H-5840	Center for Health Professions	Slater, Almeida, Diaz, Dennigan, Naughton	Finance	Joseph	4/25/07	Committee heard	S-567
H-5905	Limit overhead on federal contracts to 10%	Dennigan, Shanley, Lally, Rose, Church	Finance	Swan, Katz, Dalfonso			
H-5918	Higher Ed use ID card for RIPTA pass	Handy, Long, Pacheco, Wasylysk, Shanley	Finance	Lussier, Weygand, Carothers			S-456
H-5921	Provide medical benefits to adjunct faculty	Wasylyk	Finance	Carothers, Swan, Weygand			
H-5957	Nurse Loan Repayment	Lewiss, Kennedy, Gallison, Silva, Handy	H.E.W.				
H-5979	Add campus police to police officers bill of rights	Lewiss, Silva, audreuil, Slater, Gallison	Judiciary	Weygand, Wyman, Coleman	3/6/07	Further study	S-140, H-5325, S-758
H-5982	Employees rights to certain inventions	Story, Long, Singleton	Labor	Swan, Dafonso	3/14/07	Further study	
H-5993	Tax deduction for higher ed expenses	Pacheco, Segal, Church, Silva, Long	Finance		5/3/07		
H-6077	Increase penalties for Fake IDs	Kilmartin, Lally	Judiciary		4/4/07	House Calendar 4/26	S-749

H-6094	Allow colleges to operate vehicles for students transportation without getting public plate	Crowley, Jackson	Finance				
H-6127	Prohibit children of illegal immigrants from attending any public school in the state	Crowley, Jackson	HEW		4/10/07		
H-6131	Create RI Community Support Academy - higher ed work w/ others for those with special needs	Naughton, Slater, Williams, San Bento, Codeerre	HEW		4/3/07		
H-6161	Increase penalties for underage drinking and fake ID use	Lally, Shanley	Judiciary	Dougan, Carothers	4/3/2007 5/9		
H-6174	Tick Control Awareness Day	Shanley, Naughton, Scott, Carter, Caprio		Mather	3/20/07	Passed	S-784
H-6239	Distance Learning Commission	Costantino, Crowley, Lewis, Naughton, Mumford	Immediate Consideration	Carothers, Swan		Passed	
H-6260	Wiley Hall	Shanley, Lally, Walsh, Lewis, Caprio	Constituent Services	Carothers	5/7/07		S-920
H-6261	Eddy Hall	Shanley, Lally, Walsh, Lewis, Caprio	Constituent Services	Carothers	5/7/07		S-922
H-6262	Garrahy Hall	Shanley, Lally, Walsh, Lewis, Caprio	Constituent Services	Carothers	5/7/07		S-898
H-6302	Higher Ed Day	Fox, Shanley, Carter, McNamara, Mumford				Immediate Consideration	S-939
H-6314	Lyme Disease Month - May	Winfield, Ginaitt, Lewis, Caprio	HEW	Mather	5/9/07		
H-6346	Lyme Disease Month - May	Winfield, Kennedy, Fox, Caprio	Resolution - passed			Immediate Consideration	
H-6367	75% of classes taught by tenure track faculty	Wasylyk	Finance	Carothers, Swan, Katz,			S-554