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Rhode Island Judicial System

The RI Judicial System is comprised of the Supreme, Superior, Family, District, and Worker's Compensation Courts and Traffic Tribunal Courts. For more information, go to: www.courts.state.ri.us.

RI General Assembly

For more information on legislator biographies, bills, general laws, and House and Senate rules, please go to: www.rilin.state.ri.us.

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It offers State House tours, upon request, and makes the following information available to the general public:

- Listing of laws
- Recently introduced bills
- Legislative reports
- Committee Meeting postings
- Lobbyist registration and information
- Listing of civic participation programs
- Volunteer opportunities throughout RI
- How to become involved in a task force to increase civic awareness

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The following resources are available:

- A listing of all legislation introduced in the Rhode Island General Assembly
- Reference copies of bills introduced
- A computerized index of legislation by sponsor or subject
- Reports and publications of departments, agencies, boards and commissions

- Public access to computers for use of online services
- Copies of RI General and State Laws
- Access to federal documents and federal laws

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National Conference of State Legislatures: www.ncsl.org

National Governors Association: www.nga.org

Office of Management and Budget:

www.whitehouse.gov/omb

US Conference of Mayors: www.usmayors.org/uscm

US House of Representatives: www.house.gov

US Library of Congress Government Resource Page:

www.loc.gov

US Government's Official Web Portal: www.usa.gov

En Español: www.usa.gov/gobiernousa/index

US Senate: www.senate.gov

US White House: www.whitehouse.gov

Nonprofit and Advocacy Websites

Advocacy Center at ISC: www.advocacy.org

Center for Law and Social Policy: www.clasp.org

Center for Lobbying in the Public Interest: www.clpi.org

Center for Nonprofit Management: www.cnmsocal.org

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities: www.cbpp.org

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