



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE | JANUARY 10, 2017

Welcome to the first Child Care Aware of Minnesota Legislative Update of 2017. Each Tuesday, we'll post the [Legislative Update and Bill Tracker](#) on our website to reflect the activity through the previous Friday. The first Bill Tracker will be posted on January 17.

You'll be able to read a brief overview of bills that have been introduced, action at the committee level or on the floor, and any other news related to **early care and education and school age care** issues. If you have questions or additions to recommend, please email Ann McCully at: [AnnM@childcareawaremn.org](mailto:AnnM@childcareawaremn.org)

**The 2017 Minnesota Legislative session got underway on Tuesday, January 3**, when all House and Senate members were officially sworn in. With new leadership and many new members, the first weeks are heavily focused on orientation to committee work. Here are the key committees that will be considering our issues.

*Newly-elected (first term) members are highlighted*

### HOUSE COMMITTEES | All rooms listed are in the State Office Building

**House Education Innovation Policy:** Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m. in Room 10

**Chair:** Erickson-R, **Vice Chair:** Daniels-R, **DFL Lead:** Mariani-DFL, Bahr-R, Bennett-R, Bly-DFL, Christensen-R, Grossell-R, Haley-R, Jessup-R, Kunesh-Podein-DFL, Lee-DFL, Maye Quade-DFL, Pryor-DFL, Rarick-R, Urdahl-R, Ward-DFL

**House Education Finance:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 1 p.m. in Room 5

**Chair:** Loon-R, **Vice Chair:** Bennett-R, **DFL Lead:** Davnie-DFL, Anselmo-R, Erickson-R, Jurgens-R, Kresha-R, Mariani-DFL, Marquart-DFL, Moran-DFL, Murphy, M.-DFL, Nornes-R, Peterson-R, Poston-R, Sandstede-DFL, Scott-R, Slocum-DFL, Smith-R, Theis-R, Thissen-DFL, Wills-R

**Health and Human Services Reform:** Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m. in Room 200

**Chair:** Schomacker-R, **Vice Chair:** Gruenhagen-R, **DFL Lead:** Liebling-DFL, Albright-R, Allen-DFL, Baker-R, Dean-R, Flanagan-DFL, Franson-R, Freiberg-DFL, Kiel-R, Koegel-DFL, Kresha-R, Lohmer-R, McDonald-R, Moran-DFL, Murphy, E.-DFL, Olson-DFL, Peterson-R, Quam-R, Sandstede-DFL, Theis-R

**Health and Human Services Finance:** Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 1 p.m. in Room 200

**Chair:** Dean-R, **Vice Chair:** Albright-R, **DFL Lead:** Murphy, E.-DFL, Allen-DFL, Backer-R, Considine-DFL, Fischer-DFL, Franson-R, Gruenhagen-R, Haley-R, Halverson-DFL, Hamilton-R, Heintzeman-R, Johnson, B.-R, Liebling-DFL, Loeffler-DFL, Lohmer-R, Loonan-R, Pierson-R, Pinto-DFL, Schomacker-R, Schultz-DFL, Zerwas-R

**Subcommittee on Childcare Access & Affordability:** Wednesday 8:15 a.m. in Room 200

**Chair:** Franson-R, **Vice Chair:** Peterson-R, **DFL Lead:** Flanagan-DFL, Albright-R, Koegel-DFL, Kresha-R, Quam-R, Sandstede-DFL

## SENATE COMMITTEES | All rooms listed are in the MN Senate Building

**Senate E-12 Policy Committee:** Tuesday and Thursday from 3-4:30 p.m. in Room 1100

**Chair:** Pratt-R, **Vice Chair:** Eichorn-R, **Ranking Minority Member:** Kent-D, Anderson, P.-R, Chamberlain-R, Clausen-D, Cwodzinski-D, Dahms-R, Hoffman-D, Utke-R

**Senate E-12 Finance Committee:** Monday and Wednesday from 3-4:30 p.m. in Room 1100

**Chair:** Nelson-R, **Vice-Chair:** Pratt-R, **Ranking Minority Member:** Wiger-D, Anderson, P.-R, Chamberlain-R, Dahms-R, Eichorn-R, Tomassoni-D, Torres-Ray-D, Wiklund-D

**Senate Health and Human Services Finance and Policy:** Tuesday and Thursday from 3-4:30 p.m. in room 1200

**Chair:** Benson-R, **Vice Chair:** Jensen, S.-R, **Ranking Minority Member:** Lourey- D, Abeler-R, Eaton-D, Fischbach-R, Hayden-D, Kiffmeyer-R, Marty-D, Nelson-R, Rosen-R, Wiklund-D

**Senate Human Services Reform Finance and Policy:** Monday and Wednesday from 3-4:30 p.m. in room 1200

**Chair:** Abeler-R, **Vice Chair:** Utke-R, **Ranking Minority Member:** Hayden-D, Benson-R, Hoffman-D, Jensen, S.-R, Kiffmeyer-R, Klein-D, Lourey-D, Relph-R, Rosen-R

## GOVERNOR'S TAX PROPOSAL

The Governor announced his [tax proposal](#) on January 5 saying that it would provide \$300 million in tax cuts for more than 450,000 Minnesotans and in aid payments to local governments for essential services, while protecting the state's long-term fiscal health. This package includes the following component:

**Making Child Care More Affordable:** Child care costs Minnesota families over \$10,000 per year for each child, on average – some of the highest costs in the country. Under current law, only 33,000 Minnesota families are eligible to receive tax credits for child care. Governor Dayton and Lt. Governor Smith's proposal would expand eligibility for these tax credits to a total of 95,000 Minnesota families, providing \$61 million in tax cuts. Another 75,000 families, who were already eligible, would save an additional \$379 per year.

## BILL INTRODUCTION

- Appropriating money for grants to full-service community schools (SF 7)

## UPCOMING DATES

- **Monday, January 23 @ 7 p.m.:** Governor's State of the State address
- **Tuesday, January 24:** Governor's budget released