



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE | JANUARY 17, 2017

We'll post the [Legislative Update and Bill Tracker](#) on the Child Care Aware of Minnesota website each Tuesday to reflect the activity through the previous Friday. You can read a brief overview of introduced bills, committee level or floor action, and other news related to **early care and education and school age care**. If you have questions or additions to recommend, please email Ann McCully at: AnnM@childcareawaremn.org

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

During the **week of Jan. 9-13**, committee meetings focused on introduction to processes and procedures, scope of work, and the many new members beginning their first term.

State departments and some advocacy organizations also presented overviews of work, but no action was taken on any bills related to early care and education or school age care.

One item of clarification: the **Senate Human Services Reform Finance and Policy Committee**, chaired by Senator Jim Abeler, will have jurisdiction over the Human Services issues other than health care, which will include child care policy and finance bills.

Senator Abeler also announced that he will appoint a small workgroup, chaired by Senator John Hoffman, to examine issues that impact children 0-5. This group will meet a few times and make recommendations to the larger committee.

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

For more information about each bill, please download our weekly Bill Tracker. This list includes topics and numbers for bills introduced through **Jan. 13, 2017**:

- Child care assistance subsidy restrictions modified (**HF 139-Knoblach**)
- Appropriating money for grants to full-service community schools (**HF 146-Davnie/ SF 7-Wiger**)
- Establishing a Working Parents Act (**HF 239-Thissen**)
- Working family income tax credit modification (**SF 28-Rest**)

UPCOMING DATES

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