



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE | FEBRUARY 14, 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](mailto:AnnM@childcareawaremn.org).

### COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

#### MONDAY, FEB. 6

- Senate E-12 Finance Committee: **SF 443** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

#### TUESDAY, FEB. 7

- House Education Policy Committee: **HF 602** passed and was re-referred to Education Finance
- House Education Finance Committee: **HF 890** was heard and public testimony taken
- Senate E-12 Policy Committee: Teacher Licensure evaluation report from the Office of Legislative Auditor

#### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

- House Subcommittee on Child Care Access and Affordability: **HF 139, HF 723, and HF 904** were passed and referred to the House Health and Human Services Reform Committee
- House Education Finance Committee: Continued public testimony on **HF 890**
- Senate E-12 Finance Committee: **SF 718** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 9

- Senate Focus Five and Under Working Group: Heard several presentations, including a focus on data sharing
- House Tax Committee: **HF 516** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- Senate E-12 Policy Committee-ESSA & World's Best Workforce presentation from the Commissioner of Education

### BILL INTRODUCTIONS

For more information about each bill, please download our weekly Bill Tracker. This list includes topics and numbers for bills introduced through **Feb. 10, 2017**:

#### CHILD CARE (DHS)

- Child care assistance subsidy restrictions modified (**HF 139-Knoblach/SF 381-Relph**)

- Basic sliding fee child care programs modified, eligibility for early learning scholarship modified, system redesign provided, and money appropriated **(HF 219-Moran/SF 317 Clausen)**
- Hands Off Child Care Act adopted **(HF 604-Quam)**
- Child care assistance program maximum reimbursement rates modified, and money appropriated **(HF 723-Peterson/SF 823-Hoffman)**
- Basic sliding fee child care assistance program forecasted, and child care assistance provider reimbursement rates modified **(HF 724-Moran/SF 560-Hayden)**
- At-home infant child care program appropriation **(SF 448- Relph)**
- Governor’s Health and Human Services budget bill **(HF 887-Murphy, E. /SF 781-Lourey)**
- Positive support strategy rule exemption provided **(HF 904- Franson)**
- Child care provider training requirements modified **(HF 961 Runbeck)**
- Culturally appropriate birth support service and doula service grant program provided **(HF 1063-Flanagan)**

## **E-12 EDUCATION**

- Appropriating money for grants to full-service community schools **(HF 146-Davnie/ SF 7-Wiger)**
- Early learning scholarship program administration modification; predetermined qualifying programs scholarships designation prohibition **(SF 389-Nelson)**
- Child and Adult Care Food Program administration by the Health Department provided **(HF 547-Fenton)**
- School readiness programs appropriations increase **(SF 558- Cwodzinski)**
- Community education revenue program increase **(HF 625-Youakim/SF 204-Latz)**
- Minnesota reading corps program appropriation **(HF 646-Bennett/SF 443-Nelson)**
- Education partnerships enhanced, youth development promoted, education partnerships coalition fund established, and money appropriated **(HF 734-Haley/SF 711-Pappas)**
- Governor’s E-12 Budget bill **(HF 890-Loon/SF 718-Nelson)**
- After-school community learning grant program established, and money appropriated **(HF 1060-Haley)**

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

- Loan forgiveness program for individuals working in greater Minnesota established **(HF 319-Lien/SF 109-Eken)**
- Refundable student loan credit allowed **(HF 365-Applebaum/SF 165- Clausen)**
- Governor’s Higher Education Budget bill **(HF 889-Nornes/SF 715-Clausen)**

## **TAXES**

- Dependent care credit modified **(HF 64-Bernardy/SF 212-Laine)**
- Tax credits for parental leave costs allowed **(HF 315-Anderson, S./ SF 454-Nelson)**
- Prekindergarten education program donation credit provided, districts required to accept scholarships funded by donations, and report required **(HF 388-Kresha)**
- Working family income tax credit modification **(HF 516-Loeffler/SF 28-Rest)**
- Education expense credit and deduction applied to expenditures for prekindergarten expenses **(HF 602-Anderson, S.)**
- Family and medical leave savings accounts authorized **(HF 736-Peterson, S.)**
- Governor’s Tax Bill **(HF 893-Davids/SF 726-Chamberlain)**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Establishing a Working Parents Act **(HF 239-Thissen)**
- Minneapolis YWCA economically challenged individuals job skills development grant appropriation **(HF 793 O’Neill/SF 602-Hayden)**
- Paid family and medical benefits; unpaid leaves requirement and regulation **(HF 1013-Metsa/SF 830-Kent)**