



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE | FEBRUARY 21, 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

MONDAY, FEB. 13

- Senate Jobs & Economic Growth Finance & Policy Committee-Reviewed the Governor's budget
- Senate E-12 Finance Committee: **SF 718** was heard and public testimony taken

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

- House Education Finance Committee: **HF 646** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill & **HF 602** was passed and re-referred to the House Tax Committee
- House Higher Education & Career Readiness Policy and Finance Committee: **HF 889** was heard
- House Job Growth Committee: **HF 793** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

- House Education Policy Committee: **HF 734** passed and re-referred to Education Finance
- Senate Five and under working group discussed a number of issues around access, data, and mental health services
- Senate E-12 Policy Committee: **SF 711**-Passed as amended and re-referred to E-12 Finance

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. 16, 2017 (new bills are highlighted in yellow)**:

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/SF 935-Hoffman**)
- Child care provider training requirements modified (**HF 961 Runbeck/SF 873-Hoffman**)
- Culturally appropriate birth support service and doula service grant program provided (**HF 1063-Flanagan**)
- Child care licensing provisions modifications (**SF 1067-Kiffmeyer**)
- Child care provider administrative law procedures modified (**HF 1298-Franson**)
- Human Services commissioner duty to inform county agencies and license holders of changes (**HF 1299-Franson**)
- Child care licensing definition of annual modified (**HF 1300-Franson**)
- Child care correction order posting requirements modified (**HF 1301-Franson**)
- Child care assistance expanded to foster care parents (**HF 1306-Franson**)
- County licensing agencies required to offer and conduct exit interviews for family child care providers, and fix-it ticket alternative to a correction order authorized (**HF 1311-Quam**)
- Correction order quotas for child care licensing prohibited (**HF 1327-Franson**).
- Community solutions fund for healthy child development grant program established (**HF 1347-Kresha/SF 1173-Hayden**)
- Minimum medical assistance reimbursement rates set for public health nurse family home visits (**HF 1385-Hamilton /SF 1143-Relph**)
- Child care licensing provisions modifications (**SF 1067-Kiffmeyer**)
- Crisis nursery services appropriation (**SF 1152-Hayden**)
- Dental sealant and early dental prevention pilot programs development and grants appropriation (**SF 1183-Abeler**)

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/SF 959-Housley**)
- 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/SF 1091-Eichorn**)
- Prekindergarten through grade 12 education provisions modified (**HF 1376-Erickson/SF 1222-Pratt**)
- Paraprofessional pathway to teacher licensure funding increased, and money appropriated (**HF 1380-Fenton**)

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. /SF 947-Anderson, P.**)
- 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**)
- Jobs and economic development miscellaneous provisions and appropriations (**SF 942-Miller**)
- FATHER project funding provided, and money appropriated (**HF 1327- McDonald**)

COMMITTEE DEADLINES

- **Friday, March 10:** Committees must act favorably on bills in the house of origin
- **Friday, March 17:** Committees must act favorably on bills, or companion bills, that met the first deadline in the other house
- **Friday, March 31:** Committees must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills

UPCOMING DATES

- **April 10 – 17:** Legislative Recess