



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE | March 7, 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. 27

- House Subcommittee on Access to Affordable Child Care heard the following bills and referred them to the House Health and Human Services Reform Committee: **HF 1299, HF 1300 as amended, HF 1301, HF 1306 as amended, HF 1329, HF 1422, HF 1311, HF 1407, HF 1459, HF 604, HF 1583**

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

- House Health and Human Services Reform Committee: **HF 1177** was referred to Health and Human Services Finance
- Education Innovation Policy Committee: **HF 547** was referred to Health and Human Services Reform Committee
- House Health and Human Services Finance Committee: **HF 1564** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

- House Health and Human Services Reform Committee: **HF 1490** was referred to Health and Human Services Finance
- House Taxes Committee: **HF 893** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- Senate E-12 Finance Committee: **SF 204 and SF 7** were laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- Senate Health and Human Services Reform Committee heard the following bills: **SF 1067** was referred to Judiciary; **SF 448 was amended to include the 0-5 working group data recommendations; SF 873 and SF 1278** were all laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

- Senate Tax Committee: **SF 947** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- House Education Finance Committee: **HF 1801** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

For more information about each bill, please download our weekly Bill Tracker. This list includes topics and numbers for bills introduced through **March 3, 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 (**HF 1508-Lucero/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 (**HF 1402-Allen/SF 1152-Hayden**)
- Dental sealant and early dental prevention pilot programs development (**HF 1490-Pierson/SF 1183-Abeler**)
- Women-run cooperative child care businesses in low-income urban areas pilot program (**HF 1407- Flanagan**)
- Child care business start-up and expansion grants provided (**HF 1410-Baker/SF 1512-Utke**)
- Child care status report to the legislature required (**HF 1422-Franson**)
- Child care provisions modified (**HF 1458-Franson/SF 1278-Lourey**)
- Family child care licensors oversight and training required, and training curriculum development required (**HF 1459-Flanagan**)
- Pregnant and parenting teen home visiting service funding provided, and money appropriated (**HF 1564-Franson**)
- Basic sliding fee child care funding priorities and allocation formula modified (**HF 1583-Peterson/SF 1282-Hayden**)
- Prenatal care access disparity study and report required, and money appropriated (**HF 1723-Pinto**)
- Child well-being model implementation grant program established, and money appropriated (**HF 1887-Backer**)

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 (**HF 1491-Loon/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 (HF 1684-Standstede/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/SF 1415-Anderson, P.)
- Early learning scholarship program administration modified (HF 1493-Loon)
- Early learning and care program quality rating and improvement system modified (HF 1604-Fenton/SF 1348-Hoffman)
- Voluntary prekindergarten program contracts for mixed delivery of services required (HF 1667-Peterson)
- Early learning programs' eligibility to accept scholarships modified (HF 1668-Poston)
- Way to Grow home visiting early education pilot program grant appropriation (HF 1795-Dehn/SF 1406-Champion)
- Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota programming expansion grant (HF 1708-Knoblach/SF 1419-Relph)
- Parent-Child home program appropriation (HF 1801-Loon/SF 1523-Anderson, P.)
- Early education access fund established, director of early education and development established, enhanced coordination of early education and development programs provided (HF 1958-Loon)
- Early Care and Learning Commission created, early care and learning activities across Minnesota coordinated (HF 1970-Thissen)
- Early learning scholarship program child eligibility and administration modifications and appropriations (HF 1997-Kresha/ SF 1663-Nelson)
- Homeless families support services system redesign authorization and appropriation; early learning scholarships eligibility modification (HF 2051-Moran/SF 1691-Clausen)

HIGHER EDUCATION

- Refundable student loan credit allowed (HF 365-Applebaum/SF 165- Clausen)
- Governor's Higher Education Budget bill (HF 889-Nornes/SF 715-Clausen)
- Postsecondary educational institutions required to provide information to pregnant students and student parents (HF 1577-Omar)

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)
- Dependent care credit expanded (HF 1499-Loon)

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 (**HF 1081-Garofolo/SF 942-Miller**)
- FATHER project funding provided, and money appropriated (**HF 1327- McDonald/SF 1504-Koran**)
- Employer-provided child care report required, and money appropriated (**HF 2002-Flanagan**)
- Child care business training funding provided and reports required, and money appropriated (**HF 2003-Flanagan**)
- Early education access fund established, director of early education and development established, enhanced coordination of early education and development programs provided, early education resources hubs authorized, report required, early education programs transferred to the director of early education and development (**HF1958 Loon**)

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