



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE | March 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.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

NOTE: Friday, March 10 was the first committee deadline. Bills had to be heard in all policy committee(s) to which they were referred in at least one body in order to progress.

MONDAY, MARCH 6

- Senate E-12 Finance Committee: **SF 1419** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- Senate Human Services Reform Finance and Policy: **SF 1607** was re-referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committee

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

- House Health and Human Services Reform Committee heard the following bills and re-referred them to the Health and Human Services Finance Committee: **HF 139, HF 723, HF 1583, HF 1402, HF 1407, HF 1459, HF 1410, HF 1422, HF 1458, HF 904, HF 1508, HF 1311, HF 604**
- Senate E-12 Policy Committee: **SF 1663** was re-referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

- House Tax Committee: **HF 315** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- House Health and Human Services Finance: **HF 1490 and HF 1784** laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

- House Senate Education Innovation Policy Committee: **HF 2259 and HF 1376** were re-referred to the E-12 Finance Committee
- House Health and Human Services Reform Committee: **HF 547** was re-referred to the Health and Human Services Finance Committee
- House Government Operations and Elections Committee: **HF 1958** was re-referred to State Government Finance
- House Health and Human Services Finance: **HF 1177** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

- Senate E-12 Policy Committee: **SF 1222** was re-referred to the E-12 Finance Committee

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

These bills have met the first deadline in at least one body of the Legislature (indicated in bold) and their companion bill will need to meet the second deadline of March 17 in the other body in order to progress. All other bills introduced to date can be found on the Bill Tracker.

CHILD CARE (DHS)

- Child care assistance subsidy restrictions modified (**HF 139-Knoblach/SF 381-Relph**)
- 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**)
- At-home infant child care program appropriation (**SF 448- Relph**)
- Positive support strategy rule exemption provided (**HF 904- Franson/SF 935-Hoffman**)
- Child care provider training requirements modified (**HF 961 Runbeck/SF 873-Hoffman**)
- Child care provider administrative law procedures modified (**HF 1298-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**)
- 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 (**HF1458-Franson/SF 1278-Lourey**)
- Family child care licensors oversight and training required, and training curriculum development required (**HF 1459-Flanagan**)
- Child care licensing provisions modifications (**HF 1508-Lucero/SF 1067-Kiffmeyer**)
- Pregnant and parenting teen home visiting services (**HF 1564-Franson**)
- Basic sliding fee child care funding priorities and allocation formula modified (**HF 1583-Peterson/SF 1282-Hayden**)
- Targeted home visiting services for high-risk populations (**HF 1784-Kresha/SH 1607-Relph**)

E-12 EDUCATION

- Appropriating money for grants to full-service community schools (**HF 146-Davnie/ SF 7-Wiger**)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program administration by the Health Department provided (**HF 547-Fenton/SF 959-Housley**)
- 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**)
- 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.**)
- 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 & HF 2259-Loon/SF 1845-Nelson**)

HIGHER EDUCATION

- Governor's Higher Education Budget bill (**HF 889-Nornes/SF 715-Clausen**)

TAXES

- Tax credits for parental leave costs allowed (**HF 315-Anderson, S./SF 454-Nelson**)
- 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.**)
- Governor's Tax Bill (**HF 893-Davids/SF 726-Chamberlain**)
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Minneapolis YWCA economically challenged individuals job skills development grant appropriation (**HF 793 O'Neill/SF 602-Hayden**)
- 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**)
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COMMITTEE DEADLINES

- **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