



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE | March 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](mailto:AnnM@childcareawaremn.org).

### COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

*NOTE: Friday, March 17 was the second 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 13

- Senate Health and Human Services Reform: **SF 1750** and **SF 1953**, and **SF 448** were laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 14

- House Civil Law: **HF 1508** was re-referred to the Health and Human Services Finance Committee
- House Taxes: **HF 1499** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- House Higher Ed: **HF 2257** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- Senate E-12 Policy: **SF 959** was re-referred to Health and Human Services Finance, **SF 1845** was re-referred to State Government
- House Job Growth: **HF 736** was re-referred to Taxes

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

- House Education Finance- **HF 146** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- Senate E-12 Finance-**SF 1523** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 16

- House Civil Law- **HF 2245** as amended referred to the general register
- Senate State Government- **SF 1845** was amended and re-referred to E-12 Finance
- House Health and Human Services Finance-**HF 139**, **HF 1422**, **HF 1458**, **HF 723**, **HF 604**, **HF 1311**, **HF 1459**, and **HF 1508** were laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. **HF 904** was passed and referred to the General Register.
- House Education Finance-**HF 1997**, **HF 2259**, **HF 1491**, **HF 1684** were laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- Senate E-12 Finance-**SF 1222** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- House Job Growth-**HF 1410** was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

## BILLS THAT MET THE SECOND DEADLINE

These bills have met the second deadline of the Legislature by being heard by all required policy committees in both bodies.

### CHILD CARE (DHS)

- Child care assistance subsidy restrictions modified (HF 139-Knoblach/SF 381-Relph)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program administration by the Health Department provided (HF 547-Fenton/SF 959-Housley)
- Child care provisions modified (HF1458-Franson/SF 1278-Lourey)
- Child care licensing provisions modifications (HF 1508-Lucero/SF 1067-Kiffmeyer)
- Targeted home visiting services for high-risk populations (HF 1784-Kresha/SF 1607-Relph)

### E-12 EDUCATION

- Appropriating money for grants to full-service community schools (HF 146-Davnie/ SF 7-Wiger)
- 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)
- 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)
- Early Learning Scholarship program child eligibility and administration modifications and appropriations (HF 1997-Kresha/SF 1663-Nelson)

### TAXES

- Working family income tax credit modification (HF 516-Loeffler/SF 28-Rest)
- Tax reductions for low and middle income families provided; corporate tax loopholes closed; local government unit aid provided; income, property, tobacco, sales and use, special taxes, and other tax provisions modified (HF 893-Davids/SF 726-Chamberlain)
- Education expense credit and deduction applied to expenditures for prekindergarten expenses (HF 602-Anderson, S./SF 947-Anderson, P.)

## BILLS THAT HAD HEARINGS IN POLICY COMMITTEES IN AT LEAST ONE BODY and are under consideration for omnibus bills (bolded)

### CHILD CARE (DHS)

- 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/SF 1953-Kiffmeyer**)
- 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/ SF 1260-Hoffman**)
- Crisis nursery services appropriation (**HF 1402-Allen/SF 1152-Hayden**)

- Women-run cooperative child care businesses in low-income urban areas pilot program **(HF 1407- Flanagan)**
- Child care status report to the legislature required **(HF 1422-Franson)**
- Family child care licensors oversight and training required, and training curriculum development required **(HF 1459- Flanagan)**
- Dental sealant and early dental prevention pilot programs development **(HF 1490-Pierson/SF 1183-Abeler)**
- Pregnant and parenting teen home visiting service funding provided **(HF 1564-Franson)**
- Basic sliding fee child care funding priorities and allocation formula modified **(HF 1583-Peterson/SF 1282-Hayden)**
- Child well-being model implementation grant program established **(HF 1887-Backer/SF 1750-Hayden)**
- Education data access modified, at home infant child care program funding provided **(HF 2245-Scott/SF 2051-Relph)**

## E-12 EDUCATION

- Community education revenue program increase **(HF 625-Youakim/SF 204-Latz)**
- Paraprofessional pathway to teacher licensure funding increased, and money appropriated **(HF 1380-Fenton/SF 1415-Anderson, P.)**
- Early Learning Scholarship program administration modified, and commissioner prohibited from designating scholarships for use in predetermined qualifying programs **(HF 1491-Loon/SF 389-Nelson)**
- School readiness programs appropriations increase **(HF 1684- Standstede/SF 558 Swodzinski)**
- Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota programming expansion grant **(HF 1708-Knoblach/SF 1419-Relph)**

## HIGHER EDUCATION

- Governor's Higher Education Budget bill **(HF 889-Nornes/SF 715-Clausen)**
- Child care grant parameters changed **(HF 2257-Omar/SF 2022 Dziedzic)**

## TAXES

- Tax credits for parental leave costs allowed **(HF 315-Anderson, S./SF 454-Nelson)**
- Dependent care credit expanded **(HF 1499-Loon/ SF 1803-Anderson, P.)**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Family and medical leave savings accounts authorized **(HF 736-Peterson, S.)**
- Minneapolis YWCA economically challenged individuals job skills development grant appropriation **(HF 793 O'Neill/SF 602-Hayden)**
- Child care business start-up and expansion grants provided **(HF 1410-Baker/SF 1512 Utke)**

## BILL INTRODUCTIONS

- At-home infant child care program provisions modifications and appropriation **(HF 2388-Flanagan/SF 2007-Wiklund)**
- Sustainable child care in rural Minnesota funding provided, and money appropriated **(HF 2425-Gunther/SF 2131-Sparks)**
- Early autism spectrum disorders in young children screening expanded, study group created **(HF 2161-Ward/SF 2112-Abeler)**
- Pregnant and parenting teen home visiting service funding provided, and money appropriated **(HF 1564-Franson/SF 2118-Hoffman)**
- Early learning programs' eligibility to accept scholarships modified **(HF 1668-Poston/SF 2130-Nelson)**
- Postsecondary educational institutions required to provide information to pregnant students and student parents; state grant program to fund activities and services to support pregnant students and student parents at postsecondary educational institutions established **(HF 1577 Omar/SF 2132 Dziedzic)**

## GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Governor Dayton introduced his supplemental budget proposal on March 17. This comes after the State's February Budget Forecast showed the state with a **\$1.65 billion budget surplus**, and builds on the Governor's previously released budget proposal.

This proposal would invest an **additional \$100 million** in voluntary Pre-K on top of the \$75 million the Governor previously proposed, bringing Governor Dayton's total proposed investments in voluntary Pre-K to **\$175 million this session**. This investment would provide access to voluntary Pre-K for 12,900 more Minnesota 4-year-olds and their families.

## COMMITTEE DEADLINES

- **Friday, March 31:** Committees must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills

## UPCOMING DATES

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