



## Legislative Update: March 29, 2016 (Activity through Friday, March 25)

Just a reminder that this update along with the Bill Tracker, will be posted each **Tuesday** (reflecting activity through the previous Friday) on the [Child Care Aware of Minnesota website](#).

**BILLS INTRODUCED TO DATE (bills introduced in the past week are highlighted:  
*(Action on bills taken in the past week indicated in italics)***

### Early Care and Education/School-age programs and services (bills referred to Education Committees)

- Full-service community school funding increased (HF 2391, HF 3046)/(SF 2813)
- Pre-K children-deaf and hard of hearing Special Education services and enrollment (HF 2411/SF 2306)
- Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 pupil transportation funding provided (HF 2434)
- Minnesota Reading Corps funding increased (HF 2449/SF 2262)
- Head Start programs waiting lists funding increased (HF 2581)
- Early Learning Scholarships, home visiting programs, and Parent Aware activities increased funding and modifications (HF 2670/SF 2411)
- Community Education revenue program funding increased and minimum population guarantee increased (HF 2708/SF 2463)
- Head Start waiting lists fully funded, report required, and money appropriated (HF 2811/SF 3156)
- Community education youth after-school enrichment revenue increase (HF 2891/SF 2286)
- Minnesota Department of Education Policy Bill (HF 3066/SF 2744)
- Northside achievement zone and St. Paul promise neighborhood base level increase establishment; education partnership pilot grants increase authorization (HF 3239/SF 2756)
- Children's cabinet redesign; basic sliding fee and Early Learning Scholarship modifications (HF 3632/SF 2652) – ***Passed committee and re-referred to Finance***
- Education partnership pilot grant funding increased, and money appropriated (HF 3323/SF 3107)
- MinneK voluntary prekindergarten program created, age range for Early Learning Scholarships expanded, Head Start waiting list eliminated, education grants and loan forgiveness for prospective early education teachers created, early childhood learning and child protection facilities funding provided, report required, bonds issued, and money appropriated (HF 3452)
- School district early learning programs continuity increased (HF 3522)
- Rochester; public school all-day preschool pilot program grant provided (HF 3542/SF 3106)
- Four-year-old prekindergarten program authorization (SF 3095)
- Parent-child home program for early childhood literacy and school readiness funding increase (SF 3103)
- Montessori-specific teaching licenses creation and issuance by board of teaching (SF 3124)

### Children's mental health/child protection (bills referred to HHS committees)

- Children's Mental Health Collaboratives appropriation (HF 2661/SF2305 – ***SF 2305 Passed committee and referred to the committee on Finance***)
- Legislative task force on child protection extended (HF 2683/SF 2428) – ***HF 2683 Passed committee and referred to Government Operations and Elections/ SF 2428 referred to Rules and Administration***

### Child Care Assistance/Licensing changes (bills referred to HHS committees)

- Child Care Assistance modified (HF 2402)
- Child Care Assistance subsidy restrictions modified (HF 2470/SF 2391) – **HF 2470 withdrawn from committee by author**
- Residential day care facilities for children required to be in residence of provider (HF 2498)
- Minnesota Family Investment Program eligibility modified (HF 2524/SF 2407)
- Child Care Assistance provider payments modified (HF 2657)
- Basic sliding fee child care assistance program forecasted, and child care assistance provider reimbursement rates modified (HF 2821/SF 2562) – **SF 2562-bill passed HHS and referred to Finance**
- Child care grant eligibility modified (HF 3275/SF 2615)
- Child Care Assistance programs modified (HF 3284)
- Child Care Assistance program rates modified (HF 3286)
- Child care provider online information and application system development feasibility study required (HF3431)
- Child care provider liaison and advocate in the Human Services Department designated (HF 3432)
- Child care program governing provisions modified, legislative task force on child care created, and money appropriated (HF 3433)
- Child care program governing provisions modified (HF 3434)
- Child care business start-up manual, grants to promote child care business start-up and expansion provided, report required, and money appropriated (HF 3435/SF 3221)
- Child care legislative task force created, and report to the governor required (HF 3436/SF3208)
- Family child care licensors oversight and training required, and training curriculum development required (HF 3437)
- Positive support strategy rule temporary exemption provided (HF 3495)

### Family supports (bills referred to HHS or other committees)

- Office of Ombudsperson for American Indian Families created (HF 2701/SF 2988 Pappas)
- Family and medical leave benefit insurance program established (HF 2963/SF2558) – **SF 2558 passed Judiciary committee and referred to Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development**
- Working family income tax credit modification (HF 3163/SF 3039)
- Grants for safe sleep baby boxes and baby care supplies (HF 3236/SF 2944)
- Women of color, American Indian women, and low-income women disparities in accessing prenatal care study and report by the health commissioner required, and money appropriated (HF 3177/SF 2943)
- Maternal depression screening and treatment grant program established, and pilot projects to provide treatment for pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorders established (HF 3419)
- Early preventive dental intervention and care for infants and toddlers pilot program developed, and money appropriated. (HF 3429/SF 2824)
- Family and medical leave benefit insurance program established, wage tax imposed, rulemaking authorized, account created, and money appropriated (HF 3505)
- A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money for crisis nursery services (HF 3579/SF 2984)
- Family home visiting programs funded through grants administered by the health commissioner criteria modified, and money appropriated (HF 3600)
- Targeted home visiting evaluation grant program creation and appropriation (SF 3061)
- Family and medical leave benefit insurance program; wage tax imposition; appropriation (SF 3137)

**Bills from last session heard to date:**

- School readiness teachers licensing requirement; early childhood family education (ECFE) teacher license requirements clarification (SF 1386)
- Human services data provisions modifications (SF 1434)

**UPCOMING DATES**

**Friday, March 25 - Tuesday, March 29 at noon: Legislative Recess**

**Monday, April 11-Friday, April 15:** Week of the Young Child/ activities at the Capitol & virtual lobby days!

**Friday, April 22 - Monday, April 25 at 8:00 a.m.:** Legislative Recess

**Monday, May 23:** By law, legislators must adjourn this session

**COMMITTEE DEADLINES**

**Friday, April 1:** Committees must act favorably on bills in the house of origin

**Friday, April 8:** Committees must act favorably on bills, or companion bills, that met the first deadline in the other house

**Thursday, April 21:** Committees must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills