



Legislative Update: April 5, 2016 (Activity through Friday, April 1)

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](#). Starting with this week's update, we will indicate bills that have met each of the Committee deadlines, which is required in order for a bill to continue progressing.

Bills that have been heard in committee of at least one body by the first deadline (April 1):

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

- Prekindergarten educational program credit for donations provided, districts required to accept scholarships funded by donations, and report required (HF 1368)
- Early Learning Scholarships, home visiting programs, and Parent Aware activities increased funding and modifications (HF 2670/SF 2411)
- Minnesota Department of Education Policy Bill (HF 3066/SF 2744)
- School readiness teachers licensing requirement; early childhood family education (ECFE) teacher license requirements clarification (SF 1386)
- Children's cabinet redesign; basic sliding fee and early learning scholarship modifications (HF 3632/SF 2652)

Children's mental health/child protection

- Children's Mental Health Collaboratives appropriation (HF 2661/SF2305)
- Legislative task force on child protection extended (HF 2683/SF 2428)

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

- Child Care Assistance subsidy restrictions modified (HF 2470/SF 2391)-(HF 2470 withdrawn from committee by author)
- Northstar Care for children basic monthly rate modified (HF 2684/SF2641)
- Basic sliding fee child care assistance program forecasted, and child care assistance provider reimbursement rates modified (HF 2821/SF 2562)
- Child care grant eligibility modified (HF 3275/SF 2615)
- Child Care Assistance programs modified (HF 3284)- Amended into HF 2684
- Child care program governing provisions modified, legislative task force on child care created, and money appropriated (HF 3433/SF 3417)
- Child care program governing provisions modified (HF 3434/SF 3416)
- Child care legislative task force created, and report to the governor required (HF 3436/SF3208)
- Human services data provisions modifications (SF 1434)
- Department of Human Services bill (SF3332)

Family supports (bills referred to HHS or other committees)

- Family and medical leave benefit insurance program established (HF 2963/SF2558)
- 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)

OTHER BILLS INTRODUCED TO DATE (bills introduced/added to the tracker in the past week are highlighted):

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)
- 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)
- Northside achievement zone and St. Paul promise neighborhood base level increase establishment; education partnership pilot grants increase authorization (HF 3239/SF 2756)
- 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/SF 3445)
- 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 (HF 3755/SF 3103)
- Montessori-specific teaching licenses creation and issuance by board of teaching (SF 3124)
- Early childhood family education (ECFE) home visiting revenue program establishment and home visiting levy modification (SF 3428)

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

- Child Care Assistance modified (HF 2402)
- 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)
- Child Care Assistance program rates modified (HF 3286)
- Child care provider online information and application system development feasibility study required (HF3431)
- 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 provider liaison and advocate in the Human Services Department designated (HF 3432)
- Family child care licensors oversight and training required, and training curriculum development required (HF 3437)
- Positive support strategy rule temporary exemption provided (HF 3495/SF 3314)
- Child care provider requirements review by human services commissioner required, and report required (HF 3640)
- Income and child development in the first three years of life demonstration project allowed (HF 3781/SF 3344)

- At-home infant child care program appropriation (SF 3250)
- At-home infant child care program appropriation and basic sliding fee child care assistance grants reduction (SF 3388)
- Minnesota Initiative Foundations funding provided, and money appropriated (HF 3250/SF 3049)

Family supports (bills referred to HHS or other committees)

- Office of Ombudsperson for American Indian Families created (HF 2701/SF 2988 Pappas)
- 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)
- Family and medical leave benefit insurance program established, wage tax imposed, rulemaking authorized, account created, and money appropriated (HF 3505/SF 3258)
- 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)

UPCOMING DATES

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 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