



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE / March 13, 2018

Welcome to the Child Care Aware Legislative Update. This narrative update, along with our Bill Tracker, will be posted each **Tuesday** (reflecting activity through the previous Friday) on the [Child Care Aware of Minnesota website](#).

Each week we will provide a brief overview of bills that have been introduced, action that has been taken at the committee level or on the floor, and any other pertinent news related to **early care and education and school age care** issues.

If you have additions to recommend to the bill tracker, please contact [Ann McCully](#).

### OVERVIEW

The pace of bill introductions and committee hearings on early care and education bills picked up slightly this week. While the focus has been on policy issues so far, most funding bills will start moving after the Governor's supplemental budget is introduced on March 14.

For those interested in lending their voice to these issues, registration is now open for **Advocacy for Children Day** which will be held on **Thursday, March 29** at the Capitol, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Registration information, the event agenda, and activities for kids](#) are available on the Advocacy for Children Day website.

### COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

- **House Subcommittee on Child Care Access and Affordability** – heard **HF 2780** (background study provisions modified), **HF 3015** (correction order posting requirements for child care licensing modified), **HF 3205** (child care provisions related to homeless families), and **HF 3253** (positive support strategies training rule child care providers exemption)
- **House Education Finance** – heard **HF 625** (community education revenue program funding increased, and minimum population guarantee increased) and **HF 3093** (teacher's master's degree tax credit eligibility modified)
- **House Education Innovation Policy** – heard **HF 3315** (Governor's Education Policy bill)

### COMMITTEE DEADLINES

- **Friday, March 22:** Committees must act favorably on bills in the house of origin.
- **Friday, March 29:** Committees must act favorably on bills, or companion bills, that met the first deadline in the other house.
- **Friday, April 20:** Committees must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills.

## BILL INTRODUCTIONS

For more information about each bill, please download our weekly Bill Tracker. This list includes topics, numbers, authors, and general committee referrals for bills introduced through **March 9, 2018** (new bills are highlighted in yellow):

### HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Correction order posting requirements for child care licensing modified (HF 2778 & HF 3015-Quam)
- Background study provisions modified (HF 2780-Quam)
- Child Care Facilities Property Tax Exemption provided (HF 2834-Gruenhagen/SF 2874-Newman)
- MFIP modified to require an assessment of need for parenting skills training (HF 3197-Runbeck)
- Child care provisions related to homeless families modified (HF 3205-Peterson/SF 2930-Lourey)
- Task force on childhood trauma-informed policy and practices established, and report required (HF 3246-Moran)
- Positive support strategies training rule child care providers exemption (HF 3253-Franson/SF 2685-Lang)
- Human services background study requirements modifications; national criminal history record check (SF 2683-Kiffmeyer)
- Northstar Care for Children benefits for children under age six modification (HF 3289-Pierson/SF 2910-Wiklund)
- Child care licensing provisions modified (HF 3403-Peterson)
- Family child care and legal nonlicensed child care program background study requirements modified (HF 3573-Albright)
- Health commissioner required to distribute grants to address disparities in prenatal care access and utilization, and money appropriated (HF 3574-Pinto)
- Northstar Care for Children agreement timeline modification (SF 2967-Lourey)

### E-12 EDUCATION

- Community education revenue program funding increased, and minimum population guarantee increased (HF 625-Youakim) – *Introduced in 2017*
- Early education provisions modified, five regions for the voluntary prekindergarten program established, determination of the total amount of Pathway II scholarships authorized, and school readiness plus made permanent (HF 2961-Davnie/SF 2812-Pappas)
- Teacher definition clarified (SF 2537-Hoffman)
- World's best workforce requirements modified (HF 3071-Fischer/SF 2639-Wiger)
- Teacher's master's degree tax credit eligibility modified (HF 3093-Urdahl)
- Grow Your Own pathways to teacher licensure program funding increased, and money appropriated (HF 3206-Fenton)
- MDE Policy Bill (HF 3315-Erickson/SF 3086-Pratt)
- Early learning scholarship program child eligibility and administration modification (HF 3328-Kresha/SF 3013-Eichorn)
- Education partnership program modification and future grant priority establishment (HF 3354-Haley/SF 3012-Pratt)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Governor's State of the State** – March 14 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Governor's Supplemental Budget request released** – March 15
- **Legislative Recess** – March 30-April 8