



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE / April 3, 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

This was the **second deadline** week at the Legislature. For bills to continue moving through the process, they needed to receive a hearing in both the appropriate House and Senate Policy Committee by **Thursday, March 29**. There is a list of bills that met this deadline (including those awaiting floor votes) later in this update.

A reminder that the Legislature is on their **Legislative Recess from March 30 to April 8**. Since there will be no Legislative action to report during this time, this weekly update will resume on Tuesday, April 17.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

- **The House Health and Human Services Reform Committee** heard **HF 4032-Gunther** (Greater MN Capital Grants)
- **The House Health and Human Services Finance Committee** heard **HF 2780-Quam** (background check revisions), **HF 4094-Franson** (child care training requirements), and **HF 4249-Albright** (background check revisions)
- **House Education Finance Committee** heard **HF 3315-Erickson** (education omnibus policy bill) and **HF 3870-Peterson** (voluntary pre-K through mixed delivery)
- **Senate E-12 Policy Committee** heard **SF 3013-Eichorn** (scholarships), **SF 3086-Pratt** (omnibus policy bill), and **SF 3340-Pappas** (Grow Your Own teachers)
- **Senate E-12 Finance Committee** heard **SF 3516-Nelson** (voluntary pre-K mixed delivery)

- **Senate Health and Human Services Reform Finance and Policy Committee** heard **SF 2685-Lang** (positive supports), **SF 3310-Weber** (licensing provisions), **SF 3508-Nelson** (posting correction orders), and **SF 3731-Nelson** (background check revisions)
- **Senate Higher Education Committee** heard **SF 3327-Fischbach** (higher education modifications)

COMMITTEE DEADLINES

- **Friday, April 20:** Committees must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills.

BILLS THAT MET COMMITTEE DEADLINES AND/OR ARE AWAITING VOTES ON THE FLOOR:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Positive support strategies training rule child care providers exemption (**HF 3253-Franson/SF 2685-Lang**)
- Correction order posting requirements for child care licensing modified (**HF 3015-Quam/SF 3508-Nelson**)
- Background study provisions modified (**HF 2780-Quam/SF 3731-Nelson**)-*HF 2780 laid over for consideration in omnibus bill*
- Child care licensing provisions modified (**HF 3403-Peterson/SF 3310-Weber**)
- Family and group family child care training requirements modified (**HF 4094-Franson**)
- Human services background study requirements modifications; national criminal history record check (**HF 4249-Albright/SF 2683-Kiffmeyer**)

HIGHER EDUCATION

- Higher education policy provisions modifications (**HF 3900-Nornes/SF 3327-Fischbach**)

BILLS LAID OVER FOR OMNIBUS BILL CONSIDERATION IN BOTH BODIES

E-12 EDUCATION

- Grow Your Own pathways to teacher licensure program funding increased, and money appropriated (**HF 3206-Fenton/SF 3340-Pappas**)
- MDE Policy Bill (**HF 3315-Erickson/SF 3086-Pratt**)
- Education partnership program modification and future grant priority establishment (**HF 3354-Haley/SF 3012-Pratt**)
- Voluntary prekindergarten participants required to be served through a mixed delivery of services (**HF 3870-Peterson/SF 3516-Nelson**)

BILLS LAID OVER FOR OMNIBUS BILL CONSIDERATION IN ONE BODY

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Background study provisions modified (**HF 2780-Quam/SF 3731-Nelson**)-*SF 3731 awaiting floor vote*
- Minnesota Family Investment Program 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/SF 3388 Hayden**)

- Family child care and legal nonlicensed child care program background study requirements modified (**HF 3573-Albright**)
- Child care provisions related to families experiencing homelessness modified (**HF 3778-Peterson**)

E-12 EDUCATION

- Community education revenue program funding increased, and minimum population guarantee increased (**HF 625-Youakim**)-*Introduced in 2017*
- World's best workforce performance measures and reports modified (**HF 1420-Erickson**)
- Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota programming expansion grant authorized, report required, and money appropriated (**HF 1708-Knoblach**)
- Teachers of Color Act strengthened (**HF 3594-Koznick/SF 3263-Anderson, P.**)

TAXES/CAPITAL INVESTMENT

- Teacher's master's degree tax credit eligibility modified (**HF 3093-Urdahl/SF 3468 Abeler**)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

- Child Care Facilities Property Tax Exemption provided (**HF 2834-Gruenhagen/SF 2874-Newman**)

All other bills introduced to date can be found on the [Child Care Aware of Minnesota Bill Tracker](#).