



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE / April 17, 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

Legislators returned on April 9 from their break, and with policy deadlines completed, many of the bills that were referred from the policy committees were heard in finance committees (as indicated below) and laid over for possible inclusion in omnibus bills. Committees have until **Friday, April 20** to complete their omnibus finance bills.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

- **House Health and Human Services Finance Committee** heard **HF 3778-Peterson** (child care provisions relating to families experiencing homelessness), **HF 4113-Kresha** (home visiting programs for families with young children), and **HF 3574-Pinto** (Health commissioner required to distribute grants to address disparities in prenatal care access and utilization)
- **House Education Finance Committee** heard **HF 4328-Loon** (governor's Supplemental Budget Bill) and **HF 4214-Peterson** (pupil transportation for pregnant and parenting teens)
- **House Tax Committee** heard **HF 3853-Loon** (refundable child care taxes)
- **House Job Growth and Energy Availability Committee Policy and Finance Committee** heard **HF 2424-Gunther** (sustainable child care in rural Minnesota funding provided)
- **Senate E-12 Finance Committee** heard **SF 3013-Eichorn** (Early Learning Scholarship program child eligibility and administration modification), **SF 3433-Draheim** (pupil transportation for pregnant and parenting teens), **SF 3340-Pappas** (Grow Your Own pathways to teacher licensure program), and **SF 3928-Nelson** (the governor's E-12 omnibus bill)

COMMITTEE DEADLINES

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

BILLS AWAITING VOTES ON THE FLOOR

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Background study provisions modified (**HF 2780-Quam/SF 3731-Nelson**) – *HF 2780 Laid over for consideration in omnibus bill*
- Correction order posting requirements for child care licensing modified (**HF 3015-Quam/SF 3508-Nelson**)
- Positive support strategies training rule child care providers exemption (**HF 3253-Franson/SF 2685-Lang**)
- MDE policy bill (**HF 3315-Erickson/SF 3086-Pratt**) – *HF 3315 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**)

OMNIBUS BILLS INTRODUCED

- Governor's education omnibus bill (**HF 4328-Loon/SF 3928-Nelson**)

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**)
- 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*
- Education partnership program modification and future grant priority establishment (**HF 3354-Haley/SF 3012-Pratt**)
- Health commissioner required to distribute grants to address disparities in prenatal care access (**HF 3574-Pinto/SF 3307-Wiklund**)
- Child care provisions related to families experiencing homelessness modified (**HF 3778-Peterson/SF 3915-Abeler**)
- Home visiting programs for families with young children appropriation modified (**HF 4113-Kresha/SF 3635-Relph**)

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**) – *introduced in 2017*
- Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota programming expansion grant authorized, report required, and money appropriated (**HF 1708-Knoblach**) – *Introduced in 2017*
- Increase Teachers of Color Act strengthened (**HF 3594-Koznick/SF 3263-Anderson, P.**)
- Early Learning Scholarship program child eligibility and administration modification (**HF 3328-Kresha/SF 3013-Eichorn**)
- MDE policy bill (**HF 3315-Erickson/SF 3086-Pratt**) – *SF 3086 awaiting floor vote*
- Pupil transportation for pregnant and parenting teens authorized (**HF 4214-Peterson/SF 3433-Draheim**) – *HF 4214 had an informational hearing*

TAXES/CAPITAL INVESTMENT

- Teacher's master's degree tax credit eligibility modified (**HF 3093-Urdahl/SF 3468 Abeler**)
- Refundable tax credit for qualified child care expenses, professionals, and providers established (**HF 3853-Loon/SF 3515-Franzen**)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

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

JOB GROWTH AND ENERGY AFFORDABILITY

- Sustainable child care in rural Minnesota funding provided, and money appropriated (**HF 2424-Gunther**) – *Introduced in 2017*

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