



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE, March 30, 2021

Welcome to the eleventh Child Care Aware Legislative Update of the 2021 Legislative session. 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 action that has been taken at the committee level or on the floor, a brief overview of bills that have been introduced, 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](#).

Note: There will be no Legislative Update next week (April 6) due to the Legislative spring break.

OVERVIEW

Last week featured another flurry of committee hearings, many of which included overviews of elements in the [Governor's supplemental budget](#) and/or the soon to be released American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding and how it will impact the budgets of several agencies. ARPA includes significant funding for child care.

Now that the House and Senate budget targets have been released, work will begin behind the scenes to craft the committee omnibus bills, incorporating many of the bills that have been laid over for consideration in previous hearings. This work will begin in the committees once legislators return on Tuesday, April 6 from their week-long spring break. The final deadline for completion of these bills is Friday, April 9.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

The following committees discussed these early care and education/school age care issues during the week of March 22-26, 2021.

House Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee

- **HF 1268** (Richardson) Healthy development of babies during pregnancy and postpartum grant for black, indigenous, or people of color families funding provided. **Informational hearing only**
- **HF 2287** (Munson) Little Lakers Day Care Center grant funding provided, and money appropriated. **Laid over**

House Education Finance Committee

- **HF 1081** (Richardson) Education Omnibus Policy Bill. **Laid over**

House Human Services Finance and Policy Committee

- **HF 1825** (Edelson) Human services background study disqualification statute task force established to review and recommend improvements. **Laid over**
- **HF 2127** (Schultz) **Governor's proposal** Children and family services, community supports, direct care and treatment, and chemical and mental health services provisions modified. **Laid over**

House Health Finance and Policy Committee

- **HF 2128** (Liebling) **Governor's proposal** Health care, human services, and licensing and background study provisions modified; health and human services budget established. **Laid over**

House Higher Education Committee

- **HF 993** (Bernardy) **Governor's proposal** Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, University of Minnesota, and the Mayo Clinic funding and policy changes provided; student aid programs modified; direct admission pilot program created. **Laid over**

House Ways and Means Committee

- **HF 7** (Olson, L.) Earned sick and safe time. **Passed and sent to General Register**

House Jobs and Economic Development Committee

- **HF 1342** (Noor) **Governor's proposal** Jobs and economic development established; funding provided for Departments of Employment and Economic Development. **Informational hearing only-no action taken**
- **HF 1200** (Richardson) Paid Family Medical Leave. **Laid over**

Senate Human Services Reform Finance and Policy Committee

- **SF 795 (Murphy)** Child care assistance program disqualification for child care providers that rely upon representations of compliance prohibition. **Laid over**
- **SF 297 (Abeler)** Legislative Task Force on Human Services Background Study Eligibility creation. **Laid over**

Senate Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committee

- **S.F. 2155** (Coleman) Certifying organizations for doula list modifications; doula registry governing provisions modifications. **Laid over**
- **SF 981** (Wiklund) **Governor's proposal** Human services miscellaneous provisions governing children and family services, community supports, direct care and treatment, health care, human services licensing, background studies, and chemical and mental health services modifications. **Laid over**
- **SF 982** (Wiklund) **Governor's proposal** Children and family services, community supports, direct care and treatment, health care, human service licensing and background studies, and chemical and mental health service provisions modified; forecast adjustments made. **Laid over**

Senate Jobs and Economic Development

- **SF 2150** (Champion) Workforce training and entrepreneurship investments intended to help close the state's opportunity gaps for Minnesotans of color appropriation. **Laid over**

Senate State Government

- **SF 1160** (Rosen) Minnesota Telehealth Act; task force on creating person-centered telepresence strategy establishment. **Referred to Rules Committee**

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

This list includes topics, numbers, authors, and general committee referrals for bills introduced during the week of March 22-26. For more information about each bill, or to see all of the bills introduced, please download our weekly [Bill Tracker](#).

- Department of Employment and Economic Development Child Care Business Development appropriation (**HF 2352-Kottyza-Witthuhn/SF 465-Wiklund**)
- Early Childhood Learning and Child Protection Facilities (**HF 2369-Pinto**)
- Early learning scholarship eligibility and funding amended, and statutory appropriation made (**HF 2402-Robbins**)
- YWCA Minneapolis grant appropriation (**HF 2408-Xiong, J./SF 2108-Franzen**)
- Child care center regulation modernization project established, report required, and money appropriated (HF 1036-Wazlawik/**SF 2216-Franzen**)
- Early learning program changes made, and money appropriated (HF 2230-Pinto/**SF 2264-Wiklund**)
- Commissioner of human services directed to enter into contract with public-private African American community-driven partnership to support high-risk pregnant women integrated care grant program (HF 2136-Richardson/**SF 2281-Torres-Ray**)
- Early learning scholarships program modified (HF 2203-Davnie/ **SF 2310 Wiger**)

COMMITTEE DEADLINES

- **Friday, April 9** — Committees must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills.
- **Monday, May 17** – The Legislature must complete its work

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Saturday, March 27-Monday, April 5** – Easter/Passover break
- **Wednesday, April 14** – Advocacy for Children Day Virtual Rally, 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. [Register at this link](#)