



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE | February 14, 2022

Welcome to the Child Care Aware Legislative update. The updates from the full session, along with our Bill Trackers, can be found 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

During the week of February 7-11, the administration continued to provide overviews of the Governor's supplemental budget in various committee hearings. Specific bills related to the budget proposal have yet to be released, but overviews will continue during the week of February 14.

The House Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee held joint hearings with two other House Committees to explore areas of shared interest last week, including:

- A special Tuesday evening hearing with the House Workforce and Business Development Committee to explore [child care and early learning as a critical foundation for Minnesota's economy](#).
- A Friday morning hearing with Housing Finance and Policy and the Preventing Homelessness Division to hear HF 3210 (Pinto) to extend homeless prevention assistance to children from prenatal to 5. This bill was passed by the Early Childhood Committee members and referred to the House Finance and Policy Committee.

### COMMITTEE ACTION

Here are the committee discussions that took place during the week of February 7-11, 2022:

- **The House Early Childhood Finance and Policy** Committee met in joint committee hearings (as described above) to review the Prenatal to 3 policy road map, receive an update on CCAP program integrity, and to hear HF2927 (Pinto) to allow the Human Services Commissioner to reinstate waivers and modifications. The bill passed as amended and sent to the General Register.

- **The House Health Finance & Policy Committee and the House Human Services Finance and Policy Committee** received an overview of the Governor’s supplemental budget proposal and recent work in home visiting. No action was taken.
- **The Senate Human Services Reform Committee** heard SF 2876 (Abeler) to allow the Human Services Commissioner to reinstate waivers and modifications. The bill passed as amended and was referred to the Senate Finance Committee.
- **The House Education Policy Committee** heard HF 3079 (Hassan) to strengthen the Teachers of Color Act. The bill passed and was referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

## BILL INTRODUCTIONS

This list includes topics, numbers, authors, and general committee referrals for bills filed during the week of February 7-11. For more information about each bill or to see all of the bills introduced, please download [our weekly Bill Tracker](#).

- Greater Minnesota child care facility program funding provided (HF 3169-Olson/SF 3025-Weber)
- Child care center and family child care provided allowed to adopt immunization policy (HF 3179-Freiberg)
- Premium assistance program creation for child care workers (SF 3002-Putnam)
- Homelessness prevention assistance to families with minor children existing program expanded (HF 3210-Pinto)
- Immunization requirement exemption modified for children in child care facilities and students in school and postsecondary education institutions (HF 3276-Bennet)
- Dependent care credit expanded, and great start child care credit established (HF 3283-Kotyza-Witthuhn)
- Maternal death studies expanded to include maternal morbidity (HF 2654-Richardson/SF 3026-Torres-Ray)
- Direct support professional child care relief grant established (HF 3268-Boldon/SF 2968-Utke)
- Increase Teachers of Color Act strengthened, teachers of color and American Indian teachers’ percentage increased, world's best workforce requirements amended (HF 3079-Hassan/SF 3132-Kunesh)

## TIMELINES

- **Friday, March 25** - Committees must act favorably on bills in the house of origin
- **Friday, April 1** - Committees must act favorably on bills, or companions of bills, that met the first deadline in the other body
- **Friday, April 8** - Committees must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills
- **April 9-18** - Legislative Break
- **Monday, May 23** - Last day of session