



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE March 22, 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

Last week, the Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee received an overview of the recently completed [Parent Aware Equity report](#). The Minnesota Department of Human Services outlined the results of the report as well as the next steps they hope to take to address these findings.

The Governor also released his [revised supplemental budget](#), which includes some slight changes in funding amounts, timing, and allocations for several of his proposals including early childhood. The bills related to the Governor's budget have been released and are processing in advance of the March 25 first deadline for hearings.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Here are the committee discussions that took place during the week of March 14-18, 2022:

- **The House Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee** heard:
 - HF 3861 (Baldon); child care assistance eligibility and co-payment requirements modified. Laid over for possible inclusion
 - HF 3981 (Koegel) to make early childhood special education students eligible for prekindergarten school breakfast reimbursement and English learner services, and money appropriated. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
 - HF 3513 (Koegel); child care worker premium assistance program created, and report required. The bill was re-referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.
 - HF 2231 (Pinto) to remove early childhood family education obsolete language; referred to the General Register.
 - HF 4133 (Wazlawik); child care provider stabilization grant modified, and money appropriated. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion
 - HF 4278 (Kotzya-Witthuhn); early childhood education workforce funding provided, and money appropriated. This was re-referred to the Workforce Development Committee.

- **The House Health Finance and Policy Committee** heard:
 - HF 4099 (Moran) to establish community solutions for healthy child development grant program; money appropriated. This was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
 - HF 3886 (Morrison); universal, voluntary home visiting program for families with infants established, and money appropriated. This bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
 - HF 3887 (Morrison); Minnesota baby steps home visiting program established, and money appropriated (pending re-referral). The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
 - HF 4025 (Richardson) for pregnant patient right to have a designated support person present while receiving health care established; laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

- **The Senate Human Services Reform Committee** heard:
 - SF 3263 (Dibble) for pregnant and parenting homeless youth study establishment and appropriation; homeless youth act grants appropriation; grant funds authorized uses additions authorization. This was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
 - SF 4013 (Wiklund) for child care assistance, economic assistance, behavioral health, health care, and health care insurance access provisions modifications and appropriation; referred to Senate Health and Human Services Finance & Policy Committee.
 - SF 827 (Utke); group family day care child-adult capacity ratios and age distribution restrictions modifications. This was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
 - SF 3698 (Kiffmeyer); family child care providers base grant amount calculation modification. The bill was laid on the table.

- **The House Education Finance Committee** heard HF 4300 (Davnie) Prekindergarten through grade 12 education supplemental funding (Governor’s Education bill), which was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

- **The House Capital Investment** heard HF 3928 (Gomez) Minneapolis; Parents in Community Action funding provided, which was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

- **The Senate Higher Education Committee** heard SF 3714 (Rarick); Increase Teachers of Color Act strengthening and appropriation, which was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

- **The Senate Human Services Licensing Policy Committee** heard SF 2968 (Utke) to establish a child care relief grant, which was re-referred to Human Services Reform Committee.

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

This list includes topics, numbers, authors, and general committee referrals for bills filed during the week of March 14-18. For more information about each bill, or to see all of the bills introduced, please download [our weekly Bill Tracker](#).

- Early childhood education workforce funding provided, and money appropriated (HF 4278-Kotzya-Witthuhn/SF 3986-Duckworth)
- Early childhood program supplemental funding provided (HF 4228-Pinto)
- Working family tax credit eligibility modified (HF 4247-Klevorn/SF 3180-Rest)
- Prekindergarten through grade 12 education supplemental funding provided; provisions modified for general education, education excellence, teachers, special education, facilities, nutrition and libraries, early childhood, community education, and state agencies; reports required (HF 4300-Davnie/SF 4113)

- Human services licensing provisions modifications (HF 4301-Fischer/SF 3909-Wiklund)
- Family child care providers base grant amount calculation modification (HF 4302-Albright/SF 3698-Kiffmeyer)
- Child care assistance, economic assistance, behavioral health, health care, and health insurance access governing provisions modified; forecast adjustments made; reports required; money transferred; technical and conforming changes made; funds allocated for a specific purpose; grants established (HF 4307-Schultz/SF 4013-Wiklund)
- Luverne; child care center funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated (HF 4417-Schomaker/SF 4035-Weber)
- Cost estimation model development required for early care and learning programs and a child care provider wage scale (HF 4418-Pryor)
- Child care provider grant eligibility requirements modified (HF 4419-Pryor)
- Early childhood; quality rating improvement system and early learning scholarship program changes made (HF 3806-Demuth/SF 4187-Nelson)

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, which 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