



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE March 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

The pace of committee hearings picked up last week, as the first deadline of March 25 approaches. The Early Childhood Committee also heard a presentation of the report [“State-level governance for early childhood programs in Minnesota”](#) from the Governor’s Children’s Cabinet and the Office of Management and Budget.

### COMMITTEE ACTION

Here are the committee discussions that took place during the week of February 28-March 4, 2022:

- **The House Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee** heard several bills last week, including:
  - HF3485 (Pryor); School-age care program child age range increased and school-age care program funding increased. The bill was amended and re-referred to Education Finance Committee.
  - HF3886 (Morrison); Universal, voluntary home visiting program for families with infants established. The bill was amended and re-referred to the House Health Finance and Policy Committee.
  - HF3887 (Morrison); Minnesota baby steps home visiting program established. This was amended and re-referred to the House Health Finance and Policy Committee.
  - HF3859 (Baldon); Direct support professionals child care relief grants established. The bill was laid over as amended for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
- **The Senate Education Committee** heard the following bills:
  - SF821 (Eichorn) for after-school community learning programs modifications; appropriation. Laid over as amended for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
  - SF3586 (Coleman) for funding increase and appropriation for community education programming. Laid over as amended for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

- **The House Higher Education Committee** heard the following bills:
  - HF3872 (Bernardy) Higher education supplemental funding provided for the Office of Higher Education, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and the University of Minnesota; financial aid programs amended and created. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
  - HF3917 (Keeler) Increase Teachers of Color Act strengthened, supplemental financing provided for grants to underrepresented student teachers of color scholarship pilot program, and money appropriated. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
- **The House Workforce Development Committee** heard:
  - HF3783 (Olson, L); Child care grant program funding provided, previous appropriation modified for child care work, and money appropriated. The bill was re-referred to House Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee.
  - HF3928 (Gomez); Appropriating money for Parents in Community Action in Minneapolis. This was an informational hearing only.
- **The House Commerce Committee** heard HF3513 (Koegel); Child Care worker premium assistance program created. This was re-referred to the Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee.
- **House Human Services Finance and Policy Committee** heard HF3661 (Keeler) to create pregnant and parenting homeless youth study and provide funding, homeless youth act grant funding provided. The bill was amended and laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
- **The Senate Human Services Reform Committee** heard SF3263 (Dibble) to create pregnant and parenting homeless youth study and provide funding; homeless youth act grant funding provided. The bill was amended and laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

## BILL INTRODUCTIONS

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

- Child care regulations update provided (HF3701-Pryor/SF3827-Wiklund)
- Direct support professional child care relief grants and appropriation (HF3859-Boldon/SF3903-Wiklund)
- Child care assistance eligibility and co-payment requirements modified (HF3861-Boldon/SF3908-Wiklund)
- Pregnant patient right to have designated support person present while receiving health care established (HF4028-Richardson/SF3959-Champion)
- Community solutions for healthy child development grant program established, and money appropriated (HF4099-Moran/SF3810-Kunesh)
- Farm-to-school grant funding increased, child care providers who purchase from local farmers reimbursement authorized, and money appropriated (HF4120-Lippert)
- Child care provider stabilization grant modified, and money appropriated (HF4133-Wazlawik)
- In-home day care cooperative health plans authorized (HF4218-Wazlawik/SF4003-Putnam)
- Human services licensing provisions modifications (SF3909-Wiklund)
- Early childhood education workforce study appropriation (SF3986-Duckworth)
- Child care assistance, economic assistance, behavioral health, health care, and health care insurance access provisions modifications and appropriation (SF4013-Wiklund)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday, March 16** - Advocacy for Children Day Virtual Rally. [Register here](#)

## 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