



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE April 5, 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 Friday marked the second committee deadline and final chance for bills to either advance separately for votes or be heard in committees for potential inclusion in omnibus bills. You can see a list of these hearings and bills below. Bills that have met both deadlines or have been laid over for possible inclusion in omnibus bills are listed first on this week's [Bill Tracker](#).

This week, the focus shifts to Omnibus Finance Bills with all House and Senate Committees set to complete this work prior to the final deadline on April 8 and subsequent Legislative recess beginning on April 9. Our next update will include details on the early childhood-related items that were included in the various omnibus bills.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Here are the committee discussions that took place during the week of March 28-April 1, 2022:

- **The House Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee** heard:
 - HF 4120 (Lippert); farm-to-school grant funding increased, child care providers who purchase from local farmers reimbursement authorized, and money appropriated. This was re-referred to the House Agriculture Committee.
 - HF 4555 (Her) to provide funding for early childhood grant to support savings accounts for children in St. Paul. This was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
 - HF 4593 (Demuth); ombudsperson for family child care provider federal money requirement and allocation modified. This was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
 - HF 4418 (Pryor); cost estimation model development required for early care and learning programs and a child care provider wage scale, reports required, and money appropriated. This was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
 - HF 4419 (Pryor); child care provider grant eligibility requirements modified, and money appropriated. This was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

- HF 4497 (Pinto); child care and early learning program information technology and data practices report required, and money appropriated. The bill was referred to the State Government Finance and Elections Committee.
- HF 4570 (Pinto) to remove obsolete language from voluntary prekindergarten statutes; a vehicle for MDE Pre-K items. This was referred to the E-12 Education Finance Committee.
- **The House Human Services Finance and Policy Committee** heard HF4307 (Schultz) for child care assistance, economic assistance, behavioral health, health care, and health insurance access governing provisions modified. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.
- **The House State Government Finance Committee** heard HF 4497 (Pinto); child care and early learning program information technology and data practices report required, and money appropriated. The bill was referred to the Early Childhood Finance and Policy committee.
- **The House Education Finance and Policy Committee** heard HF 4570 (Pinto) to remove obsolete language from voluntary prekindergarten statutes; a vehicle for MDE Pre-K items. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.
- **The Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee** heard SF 3986 (Duckworth); early childhood education workforce study appropriation. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.
- **The Senate Education Finance and Policy Committee** held an informational hearing on the literacy components of SF 4113 (Chamberlain) for supplemental funding for prekindergarten through grade 12 education.
- **The Senate Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee** heard SF 3510 (Tomassoni); higher education supplemental funding provided for the Office of Higher Education, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and the University of Minnesota. The bill was referred to the Finance Committee.

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

This list includes topics, numbers, authors, and general committee referrals for bills filed during the week of March 28-April 4. For more information about each bill, or to see all of the bills introduced, please download [our weekly Bill Tracker](#).

- Employer-paid family leave tax credit created (HF 4725-Rasmusson)
- Early childhood; obsolete statute language repealed (HF 4735-Pinto)

TIMELINES

- **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