



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE | JANUARY 17, 2023

Welcome to the latest Child Care Aware Legislative update. 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](#).

OVERVIEW

The pace picked up at the Capitol this week with the passage of tax conformity legislation, which Gov. Tim Walz signed into law on January 12.

With this bill, any state taxes that reference either federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income will be altered to align with seven federal acts, including the CARES Act, the American Rescue Plan Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act.

Updates at the state level mostly relate to additions, subtractions, deductions, and credits that would be changed because of a new definition of federal adjusted gross income or federal taxable income. Included among them are the dependent care credit and working family credit.

COMMITTEE/FLOOR ACTIVITY

Here are the committee discussions that took place during the week of January 9-13

- The **House Children and Families Committee** met to consider HF 150 - Pinto, which modifies Child care stabilization base grants and appropriates money.
- The **House Tax Committee** heard HF 31 - Gomez, which modifies individual income and corporate franchise provisions and provides federal tax provisions conformity. The bill was adopted as amended and sent to the House Ways and Means Committee.
- The **Senate Tax Committee** heard SF 25 - Rest, which modifies individual income and corporate franchise provisions and provides federal tax provisions conformity. The bill was amended and recommended to pass.

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

The following bills were introduced during the week of January 9-13. For more information about bills introduced to date, or to see all of the bills introduced, please download our weekly [Bill Tracker](#).

- Child care stabilization base grants modified, and money appropriated (HF 150 - Pinto/SF 53 - Wiklund)
- Teachers of Color Act strengthened, percentage of teachers of color and American Indian teachers in Minnesota increased (HF 320 - Hassan)
- Increase Teacher of Color Act in higher education strengthening (SF 267 - Fateh)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Week of January 23** - Governor's budget released
- **March 22** - Advocacy Day for Children

DEADLINES

- **Friday, March 10** - Committees must act favorably on bills in the house of origin
- **Friday, March 24** - Committees must act favorably on bills, or companions of bills, which met the first deadline in the other body
- **Tuesday, April 4 at 5 p.m.** - Committees must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills
- **April 4-April 10** - Legislative Recess
- **May 22** - Last day of session