



## BILLS THAT HAVE RECEIVED HEARINGS AND ACTION | MARCH 22, 2024

### ACCESS TO CHILD CARE

- **HF 3681(Kotyza-Witthuhn)/SF 3790 (Hauschild)** - begins to move forward on the “Great Start Scholarship” framework that passed in 2023. That framework calls for Minnesota to create a way to support parents’ access by ensuring that no family pays more than 7% of their income on child care costs. Informational hearing in the House Children and Families Committee; Passed in Senate Education Policy and re-referred to Education Finance Committee.

### EDUCATION/HIGHER EDUCATION

- **HF 4500 (Clardy)/ SF 4107 (Kunesh)** - Increase Teachers of Color Act- pilot scholarship program for aspiring teachers of color made permanent. Passed in E-12 Education in both bodies; re-referred to Higher Education in both bodies.

### SCHOOL-BASED PRE-K

- **HF 3721 (Coulter)** - Preschool care. Allows a school district to offer a preschool care program for the portion of the day a child is not enrolled in a school-based preschool program if the district also provides to children 33 months or older either a licensed child care program or preschool programming. Effective for revenue for fiscal year 2026 and later. Passed as amended and re-referred to Education Finance Committee.
- **HF 3785 (Perez-Vega)** - increases the number of groups for allocating VPK and SRP seats from four to five by splitting the Minneapolis and St. Paul school districts into two separate groups. The bill also ensures that any school sites that received seats in fiscal year 2024 would receive the same number of seats in future years. Amended into HF 4176 below.
- **HF 4176 (Perez-Vega)** - Merges the school readiness plus program into the voluntary prekindergarten program (VPK). Modifies the program requirements, including requiring that VPK teachers are licensed. Changes program eligibility to provide that a child must meet at least one specified criterion to be eligible to participate in the program free of charge. Passed as amended and sent to the General Register. Second reading.

- **HF 4406 (Clardy)** - READ Act expanded to include early childhood education, professional development provided, curriculum revised, and money appropriated. Laid over for possible consideration in the omnibus bill.

## DHS AND MDE POLICY/TECHNICAL BILLS

- **HF 2476/SF 2437 (Wiklund)** - Child care assistance obsolete language removal. Passed by House Children and Families/Senate HHS committee and sent to the General Register. The second reading was in the Senate on 3/13 and the House on 3/16.
- **HF 3646 (Pinto)/SF 3770 (Wiklund)** - Creating the statutory infrastructure for the new Department of Children, Youth, and Families. Passed the House and Senate floors and signed by the Governor on 3/21/24.
- **HF 3782 (Rep. Pryor)/SF (Cwodzinski)** - E-12 Policy bill, which tweaks the current pre-kindergarten through grade 12 education policies and impacts school-based pre-k programs. House and Senate E-12 Committees amended and recommended to pass.
- **HF 4393 (Fischer)/SF 4665 (Mann)** - Department of Human Services Office of Inspector general policy bill. House Health Finance & Policy laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill; Senate HHS Committee passed and re-referred to the Judiciary Committee.
- **HF4425 (Hemmingsen-Jaeger)** - Home Daycare restrictions prohibited. A private entity (HOA-controlled communities, condo associations, etc.) must not prohibit or refuse to permit the dwelling owner from providing child care under a family and group family child care provider license under Chapter 245A and Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502. Passed by the Children and Families Committee and sent to the General Register.
- **HF 4459 (Hanson)/SF 4572 (Mann)** - Department of Human Services child placement and safety executive bill. Passed by the Children and Families Committee and sent to the General Register. Passed by the Senate HHS Committee and sent to the Judiciary Committee.
- **HF 4537 (Pinto)/SF 4618 (Boldon)** - Department of Human Services Office of Inspector General executive bill on children's licensing issues. Passed by the House Children and Families/Senate HHS committee and referred to the Judiciary Committees.
- **HF 4732 (Pinto)** - Early Learning Vehicle bill- placeholder for a potential conference committee with the Senate. Passed by Children and Families and re-referred to General Register.
- **HF 4980 (Pinto)** - DHS forecast bill- adjustments to reflect the new budget forecast. Passed by the Children and Families Committee and re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.
- **SF 4662 (Mann)** - Anti-kickback legislation for CCAP. Passed by the Senate HHS Committee and re-referred to the Judiciary Committee.



## OTHER

- **HF 367 (Freiberg)** - Child care centers and family child care providers are allowed to adopt policies regarding immunizations. Passed by the Children and Families Committee and referred to the General Register.
- **HF3678 (Hicks)** - Diaper distribution grant program modified. Increases the administrative expenses from 4% to 10%. Passed by committee and sent to the General Register. Second Reading 3/18/24.

## TAX BILLS

- **S.F. 3473 (Kunesh)** - Refundable educator expense income tax credit establishment-Expanded to Pre-k age in schools, Head Start, Centers. Senate Tax Committee amended and laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.
- **SF 4330 (Hauschild)** - Child care providers that rent a child care facility property tax refund program. licensed child care facility" means a child care center licensed under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9503, or a facility used to provide licensed family day care or group family day care. Senate Tax Committee amended and laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.