



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE | FEBRUARY 28, 2017

We'll post the [Legislative Update and Bill Tracker](#) on the Child Care Aware of Minnesota website each Tuesday to reflect the activity through the previous Friday. You can read a brief overview of introduced bills, committee level or floor action, and other news related to **early care and education and school age care**. If you have questions or additions to recommend, please email Ann McCully at: [AnnM@childcareawaremn.org](mailto:AnnM@childcareawaremn.org).

### COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

#### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

- House Tax Committee: **HF 893** was heard and laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- House Subcommittee on Child Care Access and Affordability: **HF 1458** was heard and referred to the Health and Human Services Reform Committee
- House Education Finance Committee: **HF 734** was heard and laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 23

- House Education Policy Committee: **HF 1376** was heard and laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- House Tax Committee: **HF 602** was heard and laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- House Education Finance: **HF 1380** was heard and laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill
- Senate E-12 Policy: **SF 1222** was heard and laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

### BILL INTRODUCTIONS

For more information about each bill, please download our weekly Bill Tracker. This list includes topics and numbers for bills introduced through **Feb. 24, 2017 (new bills are highlighted in yellow)**:

#### CHILD CARE (DHS)

- Child care assistance subsidy restrictions modified (**HF 139-Knoblach/SF 381-Relph**)
- Basic sliding fee child care programs modified, eligibility for early learning scholarship modified, system redesign provided, and money appropriated (**HF 219-Moran/SF 317 Clausen**)
- Hands Off Child Care Act adopted (**HF 604-Quam**)
- Child care assistance program maximum reimbursement rates modified, and money appropriated (**HF 723-Peterson/SF 823-Hoffman**)
- Basic sliding fee child care assistance program forecasted, and child care assistance provider reimbursement rates modified (**HF 724-Moran/SF 560-Hayden**)
- At-home infant child care program appropriation (**SF 448- Relph**)

- Governor's Health and Human Services budget bill (HF 887-Murphy, E. /SF 781-Lourey)
- Positive support strategy rule exemption provided (HF 904- Franson/SF 935-Hoffman)
- Child care provider training requirements modified (HF 961 Runbeck/SF 873-Hoffman)
- Culturally appropriate birth support service and doula service grant program provided (HF 1063-Flanagan)
- Child care licensing provisions modifications (HF 1508-Lucero/SF 1067-Kiffmeyer)
- Child care provider administrative law procedures modified (HF 1298-Franson)
- Human Services commissioner duty to inform county agencies and license holders of changes (HF 1299-Franson)
- Child care licensing definition of annual modified (HF 1300-Franson)
- Child care correction order posting requirements modified (HF 1301-Franson)
- Child care assistance expanded to foster care parents (HF 1306-Franson)
- County licensing agencies required to offer and conduct exit interviews for family child care providers, and fix-it ticket alternative to a correction order authorized (HF 1311-Quam)
- Correction order quotas for child care licensing prohibited (HF 1327-Franson)
- Community solutions fund for healthy child development grant program established (HF 1347-Kresha/SF 1173 Hayden)
- Minimum medical assistance reimbursement rates set for public health nurse family home visits (HF 1385-Hamilton /SF 1143-Relph).
- Child care licensing provisions modifications (SF 1067-Kiffmeyer)
- Crisis nursery services appropriation (HF 1402-Allen/SF 1152-Hayden)
- Dental sealant and early dental prevention pilot programs development (HF 1490-Pierson/SF 1183-Abeler)
- Women-run cooperative child care businesses in low-income urban areas pilot program (HF 1407- Flanagan)
- Child care business start-up and expansion grants provided (HF 1410-Baker/SF 1512-Utke)
- Child care status report to the legislature required (HF 1422-Franson)
- Child care provisions modified (HF 1458-Franson/SF 1278-Lourey)
- Family child care licensors oversight and training required, and training curriculum development required (HF 1459-Flanagan)
- Pregnant and parenting teen home visiting service funding provided, and money appropriated (HF 1564-Franson)
- Basic sliding fee child care funding priorities and allocation formula modified (HF 1583-Peterson/SF 1282-Hayden)

## E-12 EDUCATION

- Appropriating money for grants to full-service community schools (HF 146-Davnie/ SF 7-Wiger)
- Early learning scholarship program administration modification; predetermined qualifying programs scholarships designation prohibition (HF 1491-Loon/SF 389-Nelson)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program administration by the Health Department provided (HF 547-Fenton/SF 959-Housley)
- School readiness programs appropriations increase (HF 1684-Standstede/SF 558- Cwodzinski)
- Community education revenue program increase (HF 625-Youakim/SF 204-Latz)
- Minnesota reading corps program appropriation (HF 646-Bennett/SF 443-Nelson)
- Education partnerships enhanced, youth development promoted, education partnerships coalition fund established, and money appropriated (HF 734-Haley/SF 711-Pappas)
- Governor's E-12 Budget bill (HF 890-Loon/SF 718-Nelson)
- After-school community learning grant program established, and money appropriated (HF 1060-Haley/SF 1091-Eichorn)
- Prekindergarten through grade 12 education provisions modified (HF 1376-Erickson/SF 1222-Pratt)
- Paraprofessional pathway to teacher licensure funding increased, and money appropriated (HF 1380-Fenton)
- Early learning scholarship program administration modified (HF 1493-Loon)
- Early learning and care program quality rating and improvement system modified (HF 1604-Fenton/SF 1348-Hoffman)

- Voluntary prekindergarten program contracts for mixed delivery of services required (**HF 1667-Peterson**)
- Early learning programs' eligibility to accept scholarships modified (**HF 1668-Poston**)
- Way to Grow home visiting early education pilot program grant appropriation (**SF 1406-Champion**)
- Promise Neighborhood of Central Minnesota programming expansion grant (**SF 1419-Relph**)
- Parent-Child home program appropriation (**SF 1523-Anderson, P.**)

## HIGHER EDUCATION

- Refundable student loan credit allowed (**HF 365-Applebaum/SF 165- Clausen**)
- Governor's Higher Education Budget bill (**HF 889-Nornes/SF 715-Clausen**)
- Postsecondary educational institutions required to provide information to pregnant students and student parents (**HF 1577-Omar**)

## TAXES

- Dependent care credit modified (**HF 64-Bernardy/SF 212-Laine**)
- Tax credits for parental leave costs allowed (**HF 315-Anderson, S./ SF 454-Nelson**)
- Prekindergarten education program donation credit provided, districts required to accept scholarships funded by donations, and report required (**HF 388-Kresha**)
- Working family income tax credit modification (**HF 516-Loeffler/SF 28-Rest**)
- Education expense credit and deduction applied to expenditures for prekindergarten expenses (**HF 602-Anderson, S. /SF 947-Anderson, P.**)
- Family and medical leave savings accounts authorized (**HF 736-Peterson, S.**)
- Governor's Tax Bill (**HF 893-Davids/SF 726-Chamberlain**)
- Dependent care credit expanded (**HF 1499-Loon**)

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Establishing a Working Parents Act (**HF 239-Thissen**)
- Minneapolis YWCA economically challenged individuals job skills development grant appropriation (**HF 793 O'Neill/SF 602-Hayden**)
- Paid family and medical benefits; unpaid leaves requirement and regulation (**HF 1013-Metsa/SF 830-Kent**)
- Jobs and economic development miscellaneous provisions and appropriations (**HF 1081-Garofolo/SF 942-Miller**)
- FATHER project funding provided, and money appropriated (**HF 1327- McDonald/SF 1504-Koran**)

## COMMITTEE DEADLINES

- **Friday, March 10:** Committees must act favorably on bills in the house of origin
- **Friday, March 17:** Committees must act favorably on bills, or companion bills, that met the first deadline in the other house
- **Friday, March 31:** Committees must act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills

## UPCOMING DATES

- **Tuesday, Feb. 28:** February Forecast released
- **April 10 – 17:** Legislative Recess