



# Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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## WELCOME TO DCF LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the first edition of the DCF Legislative Update for the 2020 session of the General Assembly. The legislative session begins on Wednesday, February 5th. Updates will be issued periodically during the legislative session and will provide timely notice of bills, meetings and hearings of interest to the Department.

**Governor's Budget Address on February 5th:** The Governor will present his budget modifications during his state of the state address on the first day of session. Highlights will be shared in the next update.

**Adjournment.** The General Assembly Adjourns on May 6th at midnight.

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## BILLS OF INTEREST

Bills will begin getting released on February 5<sup>th</sup> and will be posted here.

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## LEGISLATIVE LEADERS – 2020 SESSION

Senator Martin Looney (D) – *Senate President Pro Tempore*  
Senator Bob Duff (D) – *Senate Majority Leader*  
Representative Joe Aresimowicz (D) – *Speaker of the House*  
Representative Matthew Ritter (D) – *House Majority Leader*  
Senator Len Fasano (R) – *Senate Minority Leader*  
Representative Themis Klarides (R) – *House Minority Leader*

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – 2020 SESSION

### **COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN**

[www.cga.ct.gov/kid/](http://www.cga.ct.gov/kid/)

*Cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Children and Families, including institutions under its jurisdiction, and children.*

***Chairs:*** Sen. Marilyn Moore (D), Rep. Liz Linehan (D)

***Vice-Chairs:*** Sen. Saud Anwar (D), Rep. Robin Comey (D)

***Ranking Members:*** Sen. Kevin Kelly (R), Rep. Robin Green (R)

### ***Members:***

Rep. Pat Boyd (D)

Rep. John Hampton (D)

Rep. Gary Turco (D)

Sen. Christine Cohen (D)

Rep. Rick Hayes (R)

Rep. Pat Wilson Pheanious (D)

Rep. Stephanie Cummings (R)

Rep. Noreen Kokoruda (R)

## APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

[www.cga.ct.gov/app/](http://www.cga.ct.gov/app/)

*Cognizance of all matters relating to appropriations and the operating budgets and all matters relating to state employees' salaries, benefits and retirement, teachers' retirement, veterans' pensions and collective bargaining agreements and arbitration awards for state employees.*

**Chairs:** Sen. Cathy Osten (D), Rep. Toni Walker (D)

**Vice-Chairs:** Sen. Joan Hartley (D), Rep. Michael DiMassa (D), Rep. Maria Horn (D)

**Ranking Members:** Sen. Paul Formica (R), Rep. Gail Lavielle (R)

### Members:

Rep. Cathy Abercrombie (D)	Rep. Bobby Gibson (D)	Rep. Chris Perone (D)
Sen. Mary Abrams (D)	Rep. Jillian Gilcrest (D)	Rep. William Petit (R)
Rep. Andre Baker (D)	Rep. Minnie Gonzalez (D)	Rep. Robyn Porter (D)
Rep. Whit Betts (R)	Rep. Gregg Haddad (D)	Rep. Geraldo Reyes (D)
Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R)	Rep. Carol Hall (R)	Rep. Christopher Rosario (D)
Rep. Dennis Bradley (D)	Rep. Susan Johnson (D)	Rep. Kate Rotella (D)
Rep. Juan Candelaria (D)	Rep. Noreen Kokoruda (R)	Rep. Kevin Ryan (D)
Rep. Jay Case (R)	Sen. Julie Kushner (D)	Rep. Bill Simanski (R)
Rep. Jeffrey Currey (D)	Sen. Matt Lesser (D)	Rep. Travis Simms (D)
Rep. Lucy Dathan (D)	Rep. Gale Mastrofrancesco (R)	Sen. Heather Somers (R)
Rep. Anne Dauphinais (R)	Rep. Kathleen McCarty (R)	Rep. Peter Tercyak (D)
Rep. Pat Dillon (D)	Sen. Craig Miner (R)	Rep. David Wilson (R)
Rep. Antonio Felipe (D)	Rep. Anthony Nolan (D)	Sen. Gary Winfield (R)
Sen. Mae Flexer (D)	Rep. Cara Christine Pavalock-	Rep. Tami Zawitskowski (R)
Rep. Mike France (R)	D'Amato (R)	Rep. Lezlye Zupkus (R)

## JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

[www.cga.ct.gov/jud/](http://www.cga.ct.gov/jud/)

*Cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Judicial Department, the Department of Correction and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, (B) courts, judicial procedures, criminal law, probate courts, probation, parole, wills, estates, adoption, divorce, bankruptcy, escheat, law libraries, deeds, mortgages, conveyancing, preservation of land records and other public documents, the law of business organizations, uniform laws, validations, authorizations to sue and to appeal, claims against the state, (C) all (i) judicial nominations, (ii) nominations of workers' compensation commissioners, and (iii) nominations of members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and (D) all bills carrying civil penalties that exceed the sum of, or that may exceed in the aggregate, five thousand dollars.*

**Chairs:** Sen. Gary Winfield (D), Rep. Steve Stafstrom (D)

**Vice-Chairs:** Sen. Alexandra Bergstein (D), Rep. Matt Blumenthal (D)

**Ranking Members:** Sen. John Kissel (R), Rep. Rosa Rebimbas (R)

### Members:

Sen. Gennafro Bizzarro (R)	Rep. Julio Concepcion (D)	Rep. Patricia Dillon (D)
Sen. Bradley Dennis (D)	Rep. Christine Conley (D)	Rep. Michael DiMassa (D)
Rep. Christie Carpino (R)	Rep. Stephanie Cummings (R)	Rep. Doug Dubitsky (R)
Sen. Dan Champagne (R)	Rep. Jeffrey Currey (D)	Rep. Craig Fishbein (R)

Sen. Mae Flexer (D)  
Rep. Dan Fox (D)  
Rep. Bob Godfrey (D)  
Rep. Stephen Harding (R)  
Sen. Will Haskell (D)  
Rep. Leslee Hill (R)  
Rep. Maria Horn (D)  
Rep. David Labriola (R)

Sen. Matt Lesser (D)  
Rep. Geoff Luxenberg (D)  
Sen. Douglas McCrory (D)  
Rep. Ben McGorty (R)  
Rep. Pat Miller (D)  
Rep. Tom O’Dea (R)  
Rep. Arthur O’Neill (R)  
Rep. Christine Palm (D)

Rep. Robyn Porter (D)  
Rep. Emmett Riley (D)  
Sen. Rob Sampson (R)  
Rep. Richard Smith (R)  
Rep. Toni Walker (D)  
Rep. Philip Young (D)

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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS**

<b>Wed, Feb 5 - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Senate and House Session</b>	<b>Capitol</b>
<b>Thur, Feb 6 - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Human Services Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Room 2A</b>
<b>Thur, Feb 6 - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Children's Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Room 1B</b>
<b>Fri, Feb 7 - 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Education Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Room 1E</b>
<b>Fri, Feb 7 - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Public Health Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Room 1D</b>
<b>Mon, Feb 10 - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>MAPOC: Women and Children's Health Meeting</b>	<b>Room 2A</b>
<b>Mon, Feb 10 - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Judiciary Committee Meeting and Public Hearing</b>	<b>Room 2E</b>
<b>Mon, Feb 10 - 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Rep. Walker Press Conference Re: Raise the Age</b>	<b>Room 1A</b>
<b>Mon, Feb 10 - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Children's Behavioral Health Plan Advisory Board</b>	<b>Room 1C</b>
<b>Mon, Feb 10 - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Improving Outcomes for Youth Task Force</b>	<b>Room 1D</b>
<b>Tues, Feb 11 - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>2GEN Advisory Board Meeting</b>	<b>Room 2B</b>
<b>Tues, Feb 11 - 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Governor's Council on Women and Girls Meeting</b>	<b>Room 1B</b>
<b>Thur, Feb 13 - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council</b>	<b>Room 1D</b>
<b>Fri, Feb 14 - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Judiciary Committee Meeting and Public Hearing</b>	<b>Room 2E</b>

New additions in **Bold**

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### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE**

For complete legislative information, visit the Connecticut General Assembly’s website at - [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov)

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<b>For additional information regarding legislative matters, contact Vincent Russo, DCF Legislative Program Director at 860-550-6329 or 860-461-6689.</b>
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