



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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Update 2024-4

WELCOME TO DCF LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the fourth edition of the DCF Legislative Update for the 2024 session of the General Assembly.

Committee on Children Deadline: The final Committee on Children deadline date was last Thursday March 14th, which was their Joint Favorable deadline for any bills before the committee. The committee's last meeting was this past Tuesday, so any bills that have not been voted out by the committee will not be able to move forward this session.

All bills that were voted out by the committee can be found [here](#).

All Committee deadlines can be found [here](#).

Adjournment. The General Assembly Adjourns on May 8th at midnight.

BILLS OF INTEREST

Relevant bills to DCF noted below were all voted out by the Committee on Children.

[H.B. No. 5159](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE RESPONSIVENESS OF STATE AGENCIES TO ISSUES CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE. Sponsored by the Committee on Children.

[H.B. No. 5260](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING AN EVALUATION OF SHORT-TERM ASSESSMENT AND RESPITE GROUP HOMES FOR CHILDREN', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families to submit a report concerning short-term assessment and respite group homes for children that are operated or licensed by the Department of Children and Families. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 5262](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT CONCERNING A SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT SURVEY', to include a sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention survey as part of the state-wide sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention program implemented by school districts. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 5263](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT REQUIRING A REPORT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN PURSUANT TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN', to require the Commissioner of Children and Families, administrator of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and Chief Court Administrator to submit a report concerning the placement of children pursuant to the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[H.B. No. 5382](#) AN ACT REQUIRING THE CHILD ADVOCATE TO REVIEW THE STATUTES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

[H.B. No. 5383](#) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY.

[S.B. No. 125](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RELATIVE TO IDENTIFIED ADOPTIONS AND REVISIONS TO CERTAIN TERMINOLOGY.

[S.B. No. 126](#) AN ACT CONCERNING IN-PERSON HOME VISITS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

[S.B. No. 127](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS, CERTAIN SUBSIDIES, URGENT CRISIS CENTERS, DEPARTMENTAL RECORDS AND SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

[S.B. No. 217](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A UNIVERSAL PATIENT INTAKE FORM FOR RECIPIENTS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN', to require providers of behavioral health services for children to utilize a universal patient intake form. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

[S.B. No. 218](#) (RAISED) COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN. 'AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CREATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF A STATE-WIDE PROGRAM FOR THE DELIVERY OF BEREAVEMENT AND GRIEF COUNSELING SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES', to establish a task force to study the creation and administration of a state-wide program for the delivery of bereavement and grief counseling services to children and families. REF. COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

LEGISLATIVE LEADERS – 2024 SESSION

Senator Martin Looney (D) – *Senate President Pro Tempore*

Senator Bob Duff (D) – *Senate Majority Leader*

Representative Matthew Ritter (D) – *Speaker of the House*

Representative Jason Rojas (D) – *House Majority Leader*

Senator Kevin Kelly (R) – *Senate Minority Leader*

Representative Vincent Candelora (R) – *House Minority Leader*

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – 2024 SESSION

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

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

Chairs: Sen. Ceci Maher (D), Rep. Liz Linehan (D)

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Ranking Members: Sen. Lisa Seminara (R), Rep. Anne Dauphinais (R)

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Rep. Pat Boyd (D)

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Rep. Brian Lanoue (R)
Rep. Ronald Napoli (D)

Rep. Tom Arnone (D)
Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D)
Sen. Saud Anwar (D)

Rep. Mary Welander (D)

PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

This past Wednesday Commissioner-Designate Hill-Lilly testified before the Education Committee in support of sections 10-19 of [SB 381](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TEACHING PROFESSION AND REVISIONS TO THE MANDATED REPORTER REQUIREMENTS.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Wed, Mar 20 - 10:00 AM	Rep. Exum: Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)	Room 1C
Thu, Mar 21 - 10:00 AM	Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity: Trafficking in person Council	Room 1C
Thu, Mar 21 - 2:00 PM	Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee (JJPOC) Meeting	Room 2C

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