



Department of Children and Families

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Update 2024-5

WELCOME TO DCF LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Committee Deadlines: Nearly every committee has had their committee deadlines for new business pass, besides not notably the Appropriations Committee.

Although these committee deadlines have passed, that does not mean the committees will not continue to have meetings on already introduced legislation. Many bills will often get referred from the House or Senate back to one of the committees that has some relation to the subject matter of the bill. If there is a fiscal note attached to the bill, those traditionally have to go to the Appropriations committee due to funding in the bill.

For example, this past week we had legislation that originally passed out of the Committee on Children go to the Education and Judiciary committees, along with other bills that went to the Appropriations committee.

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

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

BILLS OF INTEREST

Relevant bills to DCF that have been voted out of committee's (besides the Committee on Children) to the House or Senate are noted below.

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

S.B. No. 315 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MODEL IN THE MEDICAID PROGRAM. (Human Services Committee)

The bill would authorize the state to join a Medicaid demonstration project to improve delivery of behavioral health care through certified community behavioral health clinics (CCBHC's).

H.B. No. 5374 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ANNUAL INFLATIONARY RATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR NONPROFIT HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDERS. (Human Services Committee))

The bill would provide annual inflationary rate adjustments for nonprofit human services providers who contract with the state.

[H.B. No. 5454](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR CAREGIVERS. (Human Services Committee)

To maximize federal resources for mental health services for young children, their caregivers and pregnant persons.

[S.B. No. 359](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO RELATIVES OF A PERSON WHOSE DEATH WAS CAUSED BY INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE. (Judiciary Committee)

The bill would require the Department of Children and Families to provide certain resources and materials to the relatives of a parent whose death resulted from intimate partner violence.

[H.B. No. 5506](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILIES WITH SERVICE NEEDS. (Judiciary Committee)

To reestablish services for families with service needs, including those that include a child who is truant or habitually truant, and to permit a juvenile probation supervisor to refer the matter of alleged delinquency of a child to the court in the case of a child assigned to nonjudicial supervision following a nonjudicial disposition who violates the terms of such supervision.

[H.B. No. 5508](#) (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. (Judiciary Committee)

To enact the recommendations of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee.

[H.B. No. 5292](#) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING COMMUNITY COMPANION HOMES. (Public Health Committee)

To allow the Department of Developmental Services to disclose information regarding abuse and neglect cases that occur in licensed community companion homes to certain agencies and employers.

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 Stephen Harding (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)

Vice-Chairs: Sen. Julie Kushner (D), Rep. Sarah Keitt (D)

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

Members:

Rep. Pat Boyd (D)	Rep. Robin Comey (D)	Rep. Kadeem Roberts (D)
Rep. Robert Sanchez (D)	Rep. Rick Hayes (R)	Sen. Saud Anwar (D)
Sen. Christine Cohen (D)	Rep. Brian Lanoue (R)	Rep. Mary Welander (D)
Rep. Gale Mastrofrancesco (R)	Rep. Ronald Napoli (D)	
Rep. William Pizzuto (R)	Rep. Tom Arnone (D)	

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Wed, April 8 - 11:00 AM	Session - Senate	Senate Chamber
Web, April 8 - 2:00 PM	Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council (BHPOC) Meeting	Zoom
Thu, April 9 - 10:00 AM	CWCSEO Advisory Board Meeting	Room 1B

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

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