



# Department of Children and Families

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

April 29, 2024

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## WELCOME TO DCF LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As we approach the last couple weeks of the 2024 legislative session, welcome to the sixth edition of the DCF Legislative Update. The House and Senate will be in several times each before the end of session, but besides today those days/dates are TBD as of now.

***Committee Updates:*** All committees have had their deadlines for new business pass, but certain committees will continue to meet as bills are referred to them from the House or Senate chambers.

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

***Adjournment.*** The General Assembly Adjourns next Wednesday May 8th at midnight.

## BILLS OF INTEREST

Relevant bills to DCF that have seen activity in the Senate and House since our last update are below.

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

### [SB 125 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RELATIVE TO IDENTIFIED ADOPTIONS AND REVISIONS TO CERTAIN TERMINOLOGY](#)

The bill was referred from the Senate to the Judiciary committee, where it still currently sits in committee.

### [HB 5382 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE](#)

The bill was amended and passed out of the House.

The bill was amended with [House Schedule A LCO# 3881 \(J\)](#).

### [HB 5262 AN ACT CONCERNING A SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT SURVEY](#)

The bill was amended, passed out of the House and sent to the Senate.

The bill was amended with [House Schedule A LCO# 4122 \(J\)](#).

[SB 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.](#)

The bill passed the senate and was sent to the House.

[SB 126 AN ACT CONCERNING IN-PERSON HOME VISITS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.](#)

The bill was amended, passed out of the Senate and sent to the House.

The bill was amended with [Senate Schedule A LCO# 3687 \(D\).](#)

[HB 5382 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE.](#)

The bill was amended, passed out of the House and sent to the Senate.

The bill was amended with [House Schedule A LCO# 3881 \(J\).](#)

[HB 5506 AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILIES WITH SERVICE NEEDS.](#)

The bill was referred from the House to the Appropriations committee, where it currently sits in committee.

[HB 5508 AN ACT CONCERNING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.](#)

The bill was voted out of the Appropriations committee and back to the House after being referred to that committee from the House after originally being voted out of the Judiciary committee.

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**[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**

[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. 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:**

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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**

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|---|---|----------------------|
| <b>Mon, April 29 - 11:00 AM</b>         | <b>House Session</b>  | <b>House Chamber</b> |
| <b>Tue, April 30 - Fri, May 2 - TBD</b> | <b>House Session</b>  | <b>House Chamber</b> |
| <b>Thu, May 2 - 9:30 AM</b>             | <b>Rep. Belton &amp; Rep. Gilchrest: Mental Health and Wellness Fair Press Conference</b> | <b>Room 1C</b>       |
| <b>Thu, May 2 - 10:00 AM</b>            | <b>Rep. Belton: Mental Health and Wellness Fair</b>                                       | <b>Lobby North</b>   |

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