



Department of Children and Families

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

May 20, 2024

Update 2024-7

WELCOME TO DCF LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As the 2024 legislative session has ended and bills are being transmitted to Governor Lamont's office, we would like to update you on some bills that passed and may be of interest.

We will have another update once all bills have become official public acts and signed into law by Governor Lamont.

All bills that passed both chambers can be found [here](#).

There is one bill that has been [discussed publicly to get vetoed](#) by Governor Lamont. [HB 5164 AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS](#), which would allow certain striking employees to access unemployment benefits.

BILLS OF INTEREST

[HB 5058 AN ACT ADOPTING THE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT.](#)

[HB 5197 AN ACT CONCERNING SOCIAL WORKERS.](#)

[HB 5198 AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH.](#)

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

[HB 5293 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES STATUTES.](#)

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

[HB 5428 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO REPORT ON PROGRAM UTILIZATION.](#)

[H.B. 5436 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION, TEACHERS, PARAEDUCATORS AND MANDATED REPORTER REQUIREMENTS.](#)

[HB 5437 AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION MANDATE RELIEF, SCHOOL DISCIPLINE AND DISCONNECTED YOUTH.](#)

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

[HB 5511 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE.](#)

[HB 5523 AN ACT CONCERNING ALLOCATIONS OF FEDERAL AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO GENERAL GOVERNMENT, HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.](#)

[SB 1 AN ACT CONCERNING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS.](#)

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

[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.](#)

[SB 217 AN ACT CONCERNING A UNIVERSAL PATIENT INTAKE FORM FOR RECIPIENTS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.](#)

[SB 327 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF HATE SPEECH AND BULLYING 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 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)
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Rep. Gale Mastrofrancesco (R)	Rep. Ronald Napoli (D)	
Rep. William Pizzuto (R)	Rep. Tom Arnone (D)	

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Mon, May 20 - 1:00 PM	Children's Behavioral Health Plan Implementation Advisory Board (CBHPIAB) Meeting	Room 1D
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

For complete legislative information, visit the Connecticut General Assembly's website at - www.cga.ct.gov

For additional information regarding legislative matters, contact Michael Carone, DCF Legislative Program Director, at 860-936-6353 or Vincent Russo, DCF Chief Administrator of Government Relations & Policy, at (860) 461-6689.