



Department of Children and Families

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the first edition of the DCF Legislative Update for the 2025 session of the General Assembly. The legislative session convened on Wednesday, January 8th, which is earlier than in even numbered years due to the State Biennium budget adoption taking place in the odd numbered years.

Updates will be issued periodically during the legislative session and will provide timely notice of bills, meetings and hearings of interest to the Department.

Adjournment: The General Assembly Adjourns on June 4th at midnight, which is later than in even numbered years due to the State Biennium budget adoption taking place in the odd numbered years.

Governor Lamont's State of the State Address

Governor Lamont gave his state of the state address on opening day of session, which can be read and viewed [here](#).

Governor Lamont highlighted several different policy areas he would like to see addressed during this legislative session. The Governor's budget address will be on February 5th.

BILLS OF INTEREST

[Proposed H.B. No. 5001](#) - AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALITY AND DELIVERY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN CONNECTICUT

[Proposed H.B. No. 5002](#) - AN ACT CONCERNING HOUSING AND THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS PERSONS

[Proposed H.B. No. 5003](#) - AN ACT CONCERNING THE CAPITALIZATION OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION FUND

[Proposed S.B. No. 1](#) - AN ACT INCREASING RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS, SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

[Proposed S.B. No. 6](#) - AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS AND DISCONNECTED YOUTHS

[Proposed S.B. No. 7](#) - AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTIONS FOR ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND THE EQUITABLE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE STATE

*All proposed bills listed above are considered priority legislation for each chamber.

LEGISLATIVE LEADERS – 2025 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 – 2025 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. Corey Paris (D)

Vice-Chairs: Sen. Christine Cohen (D), Rep. Mary Welander (D)

Ranking Members: Sen. Henri Martin (R), Rep. Anne Dauphinais (R)

Members:

Rep. Pat Boyd (D)	Rep. William Pizzuto (R)	Rep. Trenee McGee (D)
Rep. Kai Belton (D)	Rep. Robin Comey (D)	Sen. Martha Marx (D)
Sen. Julie Kushner (D)	Rep. Brian Lanoue (R)	Rep. Sarah Keitt (D)
Rep. Gale Mastrofrancesco (R)	Rep. Rebecca Martinez (D)	

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Tue, Jan 14 - 10:30 AM	Children Committee Organizational Meeting	Room 1C
Tue, Jan 14 - 12:30 PM	Appropriations Committee Organizational Meeting	Room 2C
Wed, Jan 15 - 2:00 PM	Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Thur, Jan 16 - 2:00 PM	Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee Meeting	Room 1E

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

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