



Department of Children and Families

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the eleventh edition of the DCF Legislative Update for the 2025 session of the General Assembly.

Committee Deadlines: All of the Committee on Children's deadlines have passed and the bills reported out of committee can be found [here](#).

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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.

Appropriations and Budget Related Information

The Appropriations Subcommittee Work Sessions have concluded. There were some additional follow up work sessions for certain state agencies that took place and those have concluded as well too.

The Appropriations Committee will hold a public hearing this Friday and their agenda can be found [here](#).

BILLS OF INTEREST

[H.B. No. 7236 AN ACT CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS.](#)

[H.B. No. 7250 \(RAISED\) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.](#)

[H.B. No. 7252 AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVES.](#)

[H.B. No. 7253 AN ACT CONCERNING LIMITS ON SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES.](#)

[S.B. No. 1547 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR NONPROFITS.](#)

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. Jason Perillo (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

Wed, Mar 26 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Public Hearing	2C-ZOOM
Wed, Mar 26 - 11:30 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting	1D-ZOOM
Wed, Mar 26 - 2:00 PM	Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee Meeting	2B-ZOOM
Fri, Mar 28 - 1:30 PM	Public Health Committee Meeting	1D-ZOOM

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

The Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.** in **Room 2C** of the LOB and via **Zoom**. The public hearing can be viewed via **YouTube Live**. In addition, the public hearing may be recorded and broadcast live on **CT-N.com**. Individuals who wish to testify must register using the **On-line Testimony Registration Form**. The registration form must contain the name of the person who will be testifying. A unique email address must be provided for each person registered to speak. Registration will close on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. Speaker order of approved registrants will be listed in a randomized order and posted on the Judiciary Committee website on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. under Public Hearing Testimony. If you do not have internet access, you may provide testimony via telephone. To register to testify by phone, call the Phone Registrant Line at 860-240-0530 to leave your contact information. Please submit written testimony using the **On-line Testimony Submission Form**. The Committee requests that testimony be limited to matters related to the items on the Agenda. Speakers will be limited to three minutes of testimony. The Committee encourages witnesses to submit a written statement and to condense oral testimony to a summary of that statement. All public hearing testimony, written and spoken, is public information. As such, it will be made available on the CGA website and indexed by internet search engines.

SUBJECT MATTER: Corrections-Related Bills

S.B. No. 1309 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FINES FOR CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH FINES INTO A FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL PERSONS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.

S.B. No. 1328 (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PRIVATE OWNERSHIP, OPERATION OR MANAGEMENT OF STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

S.B. No. 1435 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MOTHERS WHO ARE INCARCERATED BREASTFEEDING THEIR INFANT.

S.B. No. 1541 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE CORRECTION OMBUDS, USE OF FORCE AND BODY CAMERAS IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE BY PERSONS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.

S.B. No. 1542 (RAISED) AN ACT RAISING THE AGE OF ARREST OF A CHILD AND THE USE OF HANDCUFFS ON YOUNG CHILDREN.

S.B. No. 1543 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

H.B. No. 7071 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILIES WITH SERVICE NEEDS.

H.B. No. 7133 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING PAROLE ELIGIBILITY.

H.B. No. 7193 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES.

H.B. No. 7250 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

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