



Department of Children and Families

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

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

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

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

The [Appropriations Committee will also a public hearing the following Thursday April 10th](#) on the Governor's Budget Deficiency Bill, [H.B. No. 6863 AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025](#).

BILLS OF INTEREST

[H.B. No. 7254 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE MEDICAID RATE STUDY.](#)

[H.B. No. 7255 AN ACT CONCERNING JUDICIAL BRANCH OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES AND THE DUTIES OF JUDICIAL BRANCH PERSONNEL.](#)

[H.B. No. 7263 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE.](#)

[S.B. No. 1550 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE HOSPITAL TAX TO CHILDREN'S GENERAL HOSPITALS.](#)

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 Welanders (D)

Ranking Members: Sen. Jason Perillo (R), Rep. Anne Dauphinais (R)

Members:

Rep. Pat Boyd (D)	Rep. William Pizzuto (R)	Rep. Trennee 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, Apr 1 - 10:00 AM	Bi-Partisan Women's Caucus: Aurora Foundation Research Briefing	1B
Wed, Apr 2 - 10:45 AM	Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee Meeting & Public Hearing	2E-ZOOM
Thur, Apr 3 - 10:00 AM	Appropriations Committee Public Hearing	2C-ZOOM

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

The Appropriations Committee will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, April 3, 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 Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. Speaker order of approved registrants will be listed in a randomized order and posted on the Appropriations Committee website on Wednesday, April 2, 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 860-240-0033 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. The first hour of the hearing is reserved for Legislators, State Agency Heads and Chief Elected Municipal Officials. 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: Governor's General Government Implementer, Miscellaneous Appropriations Bills

H.B. No. 6865 (COMM) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

H.B. No. 7252 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVES.

H.B. No. 7253 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING LIMITS ON SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES.

H.B. No. 7254 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE MEDICAID RATE STUDY.

H.B. No. 7263 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE.

S.B. No. 1545 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR EARLY VOTING.

S.B. No. 1546 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE COSTS TO TRANSPORT CHILDREN TO SCHOOL.

S.B. No. 1547 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR NONPROFITS.

S.B. No. 1551 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S SPENDING ON ARTS AND HUMANITIES ACTIVITIES.

H.B. No. 7262 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF THE GENERAL FUND.

H.B. No. 7235 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENDITURES OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS OTHER THAN THE GENERAL FUND.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

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