



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

April 21, 2025

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WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Committee Deadlines:

The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee deadline is Thursday.

The Appropriations Committee deadline is Friday.

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

Adjournment: The General Assembly Adjourns on June 4th at midnight.

Appropriations and Budget Related Information

The Appropriations Committee has scheduled committee meetings Tuesday through Thursday this week, along with a public hearing on Wednesday as well.

The Appropriations Committee Bill Record Book can be viewed [here](#).

BILLS OF INTEREST

The Select Committee on Special Education introduced their priority legislation, which are the two bills below that will be heard in a public hearing today.

[S.B. No. 1561 AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION](#)

[H.B. No. 7277 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION IN CONNECTICUT.](#)

Bills reported out of:

Committee on Children can be found [here](#)

Human Services Committee can be found [here](#)

Education Committee can be found [here](#).

Joint Committee on Judiciary can be found [here](#)

Public Health Committee can be found [here](#)

File copies for more information on bills that have advanced through the committee process can be found [here](#).

A list of all bills that have passed at least one chamber as of April 20th can be found [here](#).

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

Mon, Apr 21 - 11:00 AM	Select Special Education Committee Public Hearing	2D-ZOOM
Tue, Apr 22 - 10:00 AM	Appropriations Committee Meeting	2C-ZOOM
Wed, Apr 23 - 10:00 AM	Appropriations Committee Public Hearing followed by a Committee Meeting	2C-ZOOM
Thur, Apr 24 - 10:00 AM	Appropriations Committee Meeting	2C-ZOOM
Fri, Apr 25 - 11:00 AM	Select Special Education Committee Meeting	2D-ZOOM

SELECT COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

The Select Committee on Special Education will hold a public hearing on **Monday, April 21, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.** in **Room 2D** 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 Sunday, April 20, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. Speaker order of approved registrants will be listed in a randomized order and

posted on the Select Committee on Special Education website on Sunday, April 20, 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 860-240-0003 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 Constitutional Officers, 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: Select Committee on Special Education Bills

H.B. No. 7277 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION IN CONNECTICUT.

S.B. No. 1561 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

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

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