



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

April 28, 2025

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WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Committee Deadlines:

The Select Committee on Special Education is the lone remaining committee to not yet have its deadline pass, which is this Wednesday April 30th.

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

Appropriations, Budget and Finance Related Information

The Governor's budget and deficiency bills passed out of the Appropriations committee.

[H.B. No. 6864 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, 2027, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR.](#)

The Governor's budget was amended with [LCO No. 7303](#) and an additional amendment that would "[Increase Special Education Excess Cost in FY 26 and FY 27 by \\$84 million](#)" was amended into the bill as well.

The CGA's Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) Appropriations Committee Budget document can be found [here](#).

OFA's updated preliminary fiscal note can be found [here](#).

[H.B. No. 6863 AN ACT MAKING DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.](#)

HB 6863 passed as is with no amendments.

Other bills of interest that passed out of the Appropriations committee:

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

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

H.B. No. 6951 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.

All bills that were passed by the Appropriations Committee can be found [here](#).

The Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee passed several bills, most notably [S.B. No. 1247 AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE.](#)

All bills passed by the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee can be found [here](#).

BILLS OF INTEREST

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 28th 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 Welanders (D)

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

Members:

Rep. Pat Boyd (D)

Sen. Julie Kushner (D)

Rep. William Pizzuto (R)

Rep. Kai Belton (D)

Rep. Gale Mastrofrancesco (R)

Rep. Robin Comey (D)

Rep. Brian Lanoue (R)
Rep. Rebecca Martinez (D)

Rep. Trenee McGee (D)
Sen. Martha Marx (D)

Rep. Sarah Keitt (D)

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Wed, Apr 30 - 11:00 AM HOUSE SESSION

Wed, Apr 30 - 11:00 AM SENATE SESSION

Thur, May 1 - 11:00 AM HOUSE SESSION

Thur, May 1 - 11:00 AM SENATE SESSION

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