



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

May 5, 2025

Update 2025-17

WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Committee Deadlines:

All committee deadlines have now passed. However, several committees will still hold meetings to address bills that have been referred to their committee from the House or Senate.

The most notable committees that will continue to hold meetings will be the Appropriations committee, Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee and Judiciary Committee.

The bills they will address have already passed out of at least one committee and/or it's committee of origin.

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

Appropriations, Budget and Finance Related Information

Last week the House Republicans released their "Reality Check Budget". More information on that can be found [here](#).

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

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

BILLS OF INTEREST

The Select Committee on Special Education amended and passed their two priority bills (which have the same language) out of committee, [H.B. No. 7277 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION IN CONNECTICUT](#) and [S.B. No. 1561 AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION](#).

The amended language for each bill can be found below.

[HB 7277 substitute language](#)

[SB 1561 substitute language](#)

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 May 5th 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, May 5 - 2:00 PM	Education and Children Committee: Homeschooling Informational Hearing	2E-ZOOM
Tue, May 6 - 10:00 AM	Judiciary Committee Meeting	2E-ZOOM
Tue, May 6 - 11:30 AM	Office of the Lt. Governor and Office of the State's Attorney: Human Trafficking Recovery Taskforce Press Conference	1E-ZOOM

Wed, May 7 - 11:00 AM

HOUSE SESSION

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Thur, May 8 - 12:00 PM

HOUSE SESSION

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