



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

January 17, 2025

Update 2025-2

WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

The legislative session is underway with most committees having met over the past week and more scheduled for the coming week.

There have been two new committees established with the general assembly: The [Government Oversight Committee](#) and the [Select Committee on Special Education](#).

Committee Deadlines: The deadline for all committees on proposed bills to be introduced was 5pm today.

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.

Governor Lamont's Budget Address

Governor Lamont's budget address to the House and Senate will be on February 5th.

OPM Secretary Beckham will brief the Appropriations committee on the Governor's Proposed FY 26-27 Budget on February 6th.

BILLS OF INTEREST

Proposed [S.B. No. 461](#) - AN ACT PROMOTING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF GRANDPARENTS OR OTHER RELATIVES

Proposed [S.B. No. 565](#) - AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PREVENTION AND TREATMENT TOOL PILOT PROGRAM IN SCHOOLS

Proposed [H.B. No. 5309](#) & Proposed [H.B. No. 5384](#) - AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK YOUTH

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

www.cga.ct.gov/kid/

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. Henri Martin (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

Tue, Jan 21 - 4:00 PM	Government Oversight Committee Meeting	Room 1A
Wed, Jan 22 - 1:00 PM	Public Health Committee Meeting	Room 2D
Thur, Jan 23 - 9:00 AM	Education Committee Task Force to Study Specials Education Services and Funding Final Report Press Conference	Room 1E
Thur, Jan 23 - 10:00 AM	Human Services and Appropriations Joint Committee Forum	Room 2E

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

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