



Department of Children and Families

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Update 2025-3

WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

The legislative session is well underway with all committees having met over the past few weeks and many public hearings starting to get scheduled.

Committee Deadlines: The committee bill deadline (if no subject matter public hearing) for the Committee on Children is Tuesday February 4th.

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 H.B. No. 6509 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.](#)

[Proposed H.B. No. 6397 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE.](#)

[Proposed H.B. No. 5697 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF THE CONNECTICUT JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL.](#)

[Proposed H.B. No. 5713 - AN ACT CONCERNING INPATIENT DISCHARGE PLANS FOR MINORS.](#)

[Proposed S.B. No. 824 - AN ACT REQUIRING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARITY.](#)

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. 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

Mon, Jan 27 - 11:00 AM	Select Special Education Committee Meeting, LCO Question Session and OLR/OFA Fed/State Law Presentation	Room 2A
Tue, Jan 28 - 10:00 AM	Children Committee Meeting	Room 1C
Tue, Jan 28 - 12:00 PM	SENATE SESSION	Senate Chamber
Tue, Jan 28 - 1:00 PM	HOUSE SESSION	House Chamber

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

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