



Department of Children and Families

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Update 2025-4

WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

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 this Wednesday February 5th.

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

BILLS OF INTEREST

[Raised H.B. No. 6839 - AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PERMITTED IN FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES](#)

[Raised H.B. No. 6841 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PILOT PROGRAM](#)

[Raised S.B. No. 1214 - AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN AGENCIES TO REPORT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAMS SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES](#)

[Raised S.B. No. 1217 - AN ACT PROVIDING SCHOOL MEALS TO ALL STUDENTS](#)

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*

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

Wed, Feb 5 - 10:30 AM	Office of Policy & Management: Secretary Beckham's Budget Media Briefing	Room 2C
Wed, Feb 5 - 12:00 PM	Joint Convention of the House of Representatives and Senate: Governor's Budget Address	House Chamber
Thur, Feb 6 - 1:00 PM	Children Committee Public Hearing	Room 1C
Thur, Feb 6 - 1:00 PM	Appropriations Committee: Briefing by OPM Secretary Beckham on the Governor's Proposed FY 26-27 Budget	Room 2C

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.** in **Room 1C** 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 Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. Speaker order of approved registrants will be listed in a randomized order and posted on the Committee on Children website on Wednesday, February 5, 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 860-240-0441 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 Legislators, 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: Committee on Children Bills

S.B. No. 1218 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING WATER SAFETY AND SWIM INSTRUCTION.

S.B. No. 1217 (RAISED) AN ACT PROVIDING SCHOOL MEALS TO ALL STUDENTS.

S.B. No. 1216 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS.

S.B. No. 1215 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN NEGLECTED, UNCARED FOR AND ABUSED CHILDREN AND YOUTHS.

S.B. No. 1214 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING CERTAIN AGENCIES TO REPORT COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROGRAMS SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

S.B. No. 1213 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISIONS TO STATUTES RELATING TO CHILDREN.

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

Proposed H.B. No. 5474 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS BY INDIVIDUALS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER.

Proposed H.B. No. 6186 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAL RECORDS PERTAINING TO PRENATAL CARE AND MANDATED REPORTS.

H.B. No. 6182 (COMM) AN ACT EXTENDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION EXPENSES OF FOSTER YOUTH.

H.B. No. 6185 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY DRINKS BY CHILDREN.

H.B. No. 6180 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF FIREARMS BY OPERATORS OF FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.

H.B. No. 6840 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD TO STUDY THE AVAILABILITY OF CHILD CARE SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ADDRESS INFANT AND TODDLER CHILD CARE SERVICES NEEDS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.

H.B. No. 6839 (RAISED) AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PERMITTED IN FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

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