



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

February 7, 2025

Update 2025-5

WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Committee Deadlines: The committee deadline to petition the committee to draft a proposed bill into a committee bill (if no subject matter public hearing) is Tuesday February 11th.

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 [gave his budget address to the House and Senate on Wednesday](#).

OPM Secretary Beckham briefed the Finance, Revenue and Bonding committee on the Governor's Proposed FY 26-27 Budget today.

Secretary Beckham will brief the Appropriations committee on the Governor's Proposed FY 26-27 Budget on Monday after it was postponed yesterday due to inclement weather.

BILLS OF INTEREST

[H.B. No. 6857 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SOCIAL MEDIA AND MINORS.](#)

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

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

[S.B. No. 1247 AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE.](#)

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, Feb 10 - 1:00 PM	Appropriations Committee: Briefing by OPM Secretary Beckham on the Governor's Proposed FY 26-27 Biennial Budget	Room 2E
Tue, Feb 11 - 1:00 PM	Children Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Thur, Feb 13 - 1:00 PM	Education Committee and Committee on Children Informational Forum: Putting Young People First, a briefing of the Young People First Report by Boston Consulting Group	Room 1E
Thur, Feb 13 - 3:00 PM	Children Committee Public Hearing	Room 1E

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 3:00 P.M.** in **Room 1E** 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 12, 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 12, 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 860-240-0370 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 and State Agency Heads. 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

*H.B. No. 6900 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND PERINATAL DEPRESSION SCREENING TOOLS AND DATA SHARING SYSTEMS.

*S.B. No. 1272 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.

*H.B. No. 6903 (RAISED) AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION CONCERNING CHILD CARE SERVICES, EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO PATIENTS RECEIVING PRENATAL CARE.

*H.B. No. 6902 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

*H.B. No. 6899 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY EDUCATOR PAY EQUITY.

*H.B. No. 6183 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE.

*H.B. No. 6901 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S WELFARE.

*S.B. No. 1273 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S SAFETY.

*S.B. No. 1271 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

*H.B. No. 6841 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME PILOT PROGRAM.

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