



Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Committee Deadlines: The committee deadline for raised bills and for a subject matter public hearing on proposed bills is Tuesday February 18th.

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.

Budget Hearings

The Appropriations Committee began holding state agency budget presentations and public hearings on Tuesday and those will run through Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

The complete schedule for the Appropriations committee state agency budget presentations and public hearings can be found [here](#).

BILLS OF INTEREST

[H.B. No. 6951 - AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES.](#)

[H.B. No. 6952 - AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.](#)

[S.B. No. 1310 - AN ACT AUTHORIZING HOSPITALS TO INSTALL DEVICES ON AN EXTERIOR WALL OF AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT TO FACILITATE THE VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF INFANTS TO EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT STAFF.](#)

[S.B. No. 1311 AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.](#)

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

Tue, Feb 18 - 11:00 AM	Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee Fiscal Guardrails Informational Forum	Room 2E
Tue, Feb 18 - 1:30 PM	Children Committee Meeting	Room 1B
Thur, Feb 20 - 10:00 AM	CWCSEO: Trafficking in Persons Council Meeting	Room 2D
Thur, Feb 20 - 2:00 PM	Children Committee Public Hearing	Room 1C

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 2:00 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 19, 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 19, 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, 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

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H.B. No. 6952 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

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