



# Department of Children and Families

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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### WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

**Committee Deadlines:** The committee bill deadline (subject matter public hearing held on proposed bill) is tomorrow Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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 state agency budget presentations and public hearings are approaching their final week, as those will now run through Friday, February 28, 2025.

The Appropriations Health Subcommittee State Agency Budget Presentations and Public Hearing was today.

The Appropriations Human Services Subcommittee State Agency Budget Presentations are on Monday and the public hearing was moved to Friday morning at 10am in room 2C due to the House being in session on Monday.

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

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### BILLS OF INTEREST

[H.B. No. 7043 AN ACT CONCERNING FOSTER CARE MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS.](#)

[S.B. No. 1368 AN ACT CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE.](#)

[H.B. No. 7044 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF THE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAM PORTAL.](#)

[S.B. No. 1369 AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD CARE SUPPORT FOR CONNECTICUT'S WORKFORCE.](#)

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## **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/](http://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**

<b>Mon, Feb 24 - 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Appropriations Human Services Subcommittee State Agency Budget Presentations</b>	<b>Room 2C</b>
<b>Tue, Feb 25 - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Children Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Room 2A</b>
<b>Thur, Feb 27 - 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Children Committee Public Hearing</b>	<b>Room 1A</b>
<b>Fri, Feb 28 - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Appropriations Committee Public Hearing on the Governor's Proposed FY 26-27 Budget for Human Services Agencies</b>	<b>Room 2C</b>

### **COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 11:30 A.M.** in **Room 1A** 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 26, 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 26, 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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