



# Department of Children and Families

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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### WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

**Committee Deadlines:** The Committee on Children deadline to petition the committee to draft proposed bills into committee bills (if a subject matter public hearing was held on the proposed bill) is Tuesday March 4<sup>th</sup>.

All committee deadlines can be found [here](#).

**Adjournment:** The General Assembly Adjourns on June 4<sup>th</sup> 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 conclude tonight.

The Appropriations Subcommittee Work Sessions have begun and their full schedule can be found [here](#).

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### BILLS OF INTEREST

[H.B. No. 7109 AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TRANSFORMING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE.](#)

[Raised H.B. No. 7071 AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILIES WITH SERVICE NEEDS.](#)

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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>Tue, Mar 4 - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Children Committee Public Hearing</b>	<b>Room 1C</b>
<b>Wed, Mar 5 - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>House Session</b>	<b>House Chamber</b>
<b>Wed, Mar 5 - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Senate Session</b>	<b>Senate Chamber</b>
<b>Thur, Mar 6 - 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Children Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Room 1C</b>

### COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

The Committee on Children will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 4, 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 Monday, March 3, 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 Monday, March 3, 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

H.B. No. 5003 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION FUND.

S.B. No. 6 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS FOR INFANTS, TODDLERS AND DISCONNECTED YOUTHS.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE**

For complete legislative information, visit the Connecticut General Assembly's website at - [www.cga.ct.gov](http://www.cga.ct.gov)

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