



# Department of Children and Families **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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## WELCOME TO DCF's LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

**Committee Deadlines:** The Committee on Children's Joint Favorable deadline is Tuesday March 11<sup>th</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 Related Information

The Appropriations Subcommittee Work Sessions have been underway since last week and their full schedule can be found [here](#).

Earlier this week the legislature passed the two emergency bills related to special education funding and non-profit assistance. Those bills can be found below. This comes after Governor Lamont had line-item vetoed parts of the previous week's emergency bills.

[H.B. No. 7163 AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION.](#)

[S.B. No. 1453 AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE.](#)

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## BILLS OF INTEREST

[S.B. No. 11 AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY.](#)

[S.B. No. 806 AN ACT EXPANDING MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS.](#)

[H.B. No. 7158 AN ACT CONCERNING SAFETY PLANS AND DISCHARGE PLANS FOR MINOR PATIENTS](#)

[S.B. No. 1450 AN ACT CONCERNING RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF THE HEALTH CARE 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**

Mon, Mar 10 - 9:30 AM	Women & Children's Health Committee Meeting	ZOOM
Mon, Mar 10 - 11:30 AM	Public Health Committee Public Hearing	1D-ZOOM
Mon, Mar 10 - 1:00 PM	Appropriations Human Services Subcommittee Work Session with State Agencies	ZOOM
Tue, Mar 11 - 11:00 AM	Human Services Committee Public Hearing	2E-ZOOM

## **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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