



Department of Children and Families LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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WELCOME TO DCF LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Welcome to the first edition of the DCF Legislative Update for the 2018 session of the General Assembly. The legislative session begins on Wednesday, February 7th. Updates will be issued periodically during the legislative session and will provide timely notice of bills, meetings and hearings of interest to the Department.

DEADLINES – 2018 SESSION

Deadline for Favorable Reports. The following are the deadlines for committees to vote to favorably report bills:

Committee	Deadline
Children	March 15
Education	March 26
Human Services	March 27
Judiciary	April 4
Appropriations	April 5

Adjournment. The General Assembly Adjourns on May 9th at midnight.

LEGISLATIVE LEADERS – 2018 SESSION

Senator Martin Looney (D) – *Senate President Pro Tempore*
Senator Len Fasano (R) – *Senate Republican Leader*
Senator Bob Duff (D) – *Senate Democratic Leader*
Representative Joe Aresimowicz (D) – *Speaker of the House*
Representative Matthew Ritter (D) – *House Majority Leader*
Representative Themis Klarides (R) – *House Minority Leader*

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS – 2018 SESSION

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

www.cga.ct.gov/kid/

Cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Department of Children and Families, including institutions under its jurisdiction, and (B) children.

Chairs: Sen. Marilyn Moore (D), Sen. Len Suzio (R), Rep. Diana Urban (D)

Vice-Chairs: Sen. Douglas McCrory (D), Sen. John Kissel (R), Rep. Pat Boyd (D)

House Ranking Member: Rep. Lezlye Zupkus (R)

Members: Rep. Josh Elliott (D), Rep. Kelly Juleson-Scopino (D), Rep. Liz Linehan (D), Rep. William Buckbee (R), Rep. Anne Dauphinais (R), Rep. Noreen Kokoruda (R)

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

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Cognizance of all matters relating to appropriations and the operating budgets and all matters relating to state employees' salaries, benefits and retirement, teachers' retirement, veterans' pensions and collective bargaining agreements and arbitration awards for state employees.

Chairs: Sen. Cathy Osten (D), Sen. Paul Formica (R), Rep. Toni Walker (D)

Vice-Chairs: Sen. Joan Hartley (D), Sen. Craig Miner (R), Rep. Henry Genga (D), Rep. Ezequiel Santiago (D), Rep. Chris Soto (D)

House Ranking Member: Rep. Melissa Ziobron (R)

Members: Sen. Mae Flexer (D), Sen. Terry Gerratana (D), Sen. Gayle Slossberg (D), Sen. Gary Winfield (D), Sen. Eric Berthel (R), Sen. John Kissel (R), Sen. George Logan (R), Sen. Joe Markley (R), Sen. Heather Somers (R), Rep. Cathy Abercrombie (D), Rep. Andre Baker (D), Rep. Dorinda Borer (D), Rep. Juan Candelaria (D), Rep. Jeffrey Currey (D), Rep. Pat Dillon (D), Rep. Michael DiMassa (D), Rep. Andy Fleischmann (D), Rep. Minnie Gonzalez (D), Rep. Gregg Haddad (D), Rep. Susan Johnson (D), Rep. Chris Perone (D), Rep. Robyn Porter (D), Rep. Geraldo Reyes (D), Rep. Christopher Rosario (D), Rep. Kevin Ryan (D), Rep. Peter Tercyak (D), Rep. Sam Belsito (R), Rep. Whit Betts (R), Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R), Rep. Jay Case (R), Rep. Mike France (R), Rep. Carol Hall (R), Rep. Noreen Kokoruda (R), Rep. Tim LeGeyt (R), Rep. Kathleen McCarty (R), Rep. Brian Ohler (R), Rep. Art O'Neill (R), Rep. William Petit (R), Rep. JP Sredzinski (R), Rep. Pam Staneski (R), Rep. Greg Stokes (R), Rep. Scott Storms (R), Rep. Fred Wilms (R), Rep. Tami Zawitskowski (R)

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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Cognizance of all matters relating to (A) the Judicial Department, the Department of Correction and the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, (B) courts, judicial procedures, criminal law, probate courts, probation, parole, wills, estates, adoption, divorce, bankruptcy, escheat, law libraries, deeds, mortgages, conveyancing, preservation of land records and other public documents, the law of business organizations, uniform laws, validations, authorizations to sue and to appeal, claims against the state, (C) all (i) judicial nominations, (ii) nominations of workers' compensation commissioners, and (iii) nominations of members of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, and (D) all bills carrying civil penalties that exceed the sum of, or that may exceed in the aggregate, five thousand dollars.

Chairs: Sen. Paul Doyle (D), Sen. John Kissel (R), Rep. William Tong (D)

Vice-Chairs: Sen. Gary Winfield (D), Sen. Michael McLachlan (R), Rep. Steve Stafstrom (D)

House Ranking Member: Rep. Rosa Rebimbas (R)

Members: Sen. Beth Bye (D), Sen. Mae Flexer (D), Sen. Terry Gerratana (D), Sen. Ed Gomes (D), Sen. Douglas McCrory (D), Sen. Gary Winfield (D), Sen. Eric Berthel (R), Sen. Tony Hwang (R), Sen. Joe Markley (R), Sen. Len Suzio (R), Rep. Jeffery Berger (D), Rep. Christine Conley (D), Rep. Jeffrey Currey (D), Rep. Patricia Dillon (D), Rep. Dan Fox (D), Rep. Bob Godfrey (D), Rep. Minnie Gonzalez (D), Rep. Bruce Morris (D), Rep. Robyn Porter (D), Rep. Emmett Riley (D), Rep. Joseph Serra (D), Rep. Toni Walker (D), Rep. Vin Candelora (R), Rep. Christie Carpino (R), Rep. Stephanie Cummings (R), Rep. Doug Dubitsky (R), Rep. Stephen Harding (R), Rep. David Labriola (R), Rep. Ben McGorty (R), Rep. Tom O'Dea (R), Rep. Arthur O'Neill (R), Rep. Rob Sampson (R), Rep. Richard Smith (R), Rep. Prasad Srinivasan (R), Rep. Scott Storms (R)

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

Thurs., Feb. 8 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Fri., Feb. 9 - 10:00 AM	Appropriations Committee: Presentation by Secretary Barnes on the Governor's Budget Adjustments	Room 2C
Fri., Feb. 9 - 11:00 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting	Room 1D
Tues., Feb. 13 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Thurs., Feb. 15 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Public Hearing (TENTATIVE)	Room 1E
Wed., Feb. 21 – TBA	Appropriations Committee - DCF Budget Presentation	Room TBA
Wed., Feb. 21 – 4:00 PM	Appropriations Committee Public Hearing re Governor's Proposed FY 17 Budget Adjustments	Room 2C
Thurs., Feb. 22 - 11:00 AM	Children's Committee Meeting	Room 1E
Fri., Feb. 23 - 11:00 AM	Public Health Committee Meeting	Room 1D

New additions in **Bold**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY WEBSITE

For complete legislative information, visit the Connecticut General Assembly's website at - www.cga.ct.gov

For additional information regarding legislative matters, contact Josh Howroyd, DCF Legislative Program Manager at 860-550-6329.